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WE ARE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND A HUGE METEORITE HAS COLLIDED WITH THE EARTH.

ALL LIVING BEINGS, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RACE, WERE ELIMINATED. THE GOVERNMENT, WHO HAD FORESEEN THIS WORST CASE SCENARIO, TOOK A CERTAIN COUNTERMEASURE: PROJECT SEVEN SEEDS, FOR WHICH 5 TEAMS OF TALENTED AND CAREFULLY SELECTED BOYS AND GIRLS WERE BUILT AND PUT INTO COLD SLEEP TO SECURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RACE.

AND, A DESPERATE STATE OF AFFAIRS AWAITED THESE SURVIVORS!

TEAM SUMMER B

TERROR

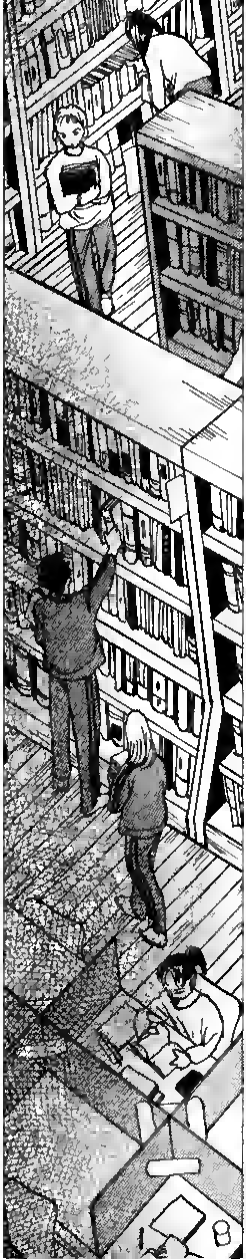
TEAM WINTER

TEAM SPRING

TEAM AUTUMN

UNUSUAL LIVING CONDITIONS

AND NOW WE GO BACK TO JAPAN BEFORE THE METEORITE COLLIDED WITH THE EARTH.



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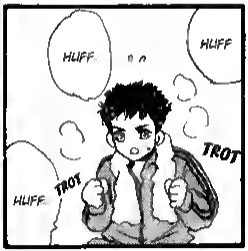
HAIL OF CORN CHAPTER 1
[RIDE OF THE VALKYRIES]

SO I GOT INTO THE HABIT OF GETTING UP EARLIER
HUFF
HUFF.
WAGNER ISN'T GOOD FOR THE HEART
TURN OFF THE VALKYRIES!
AAH! IT'S SO LOUD
GET UP!
OFF TO THE BATH, AND THEN GO TO THE DINING HALL!
OH?
WHERE ARE ANGO AND SHIGERU?
TRAMPLE
TRAMPLE
MORN-ING
TROOP
TROOP
I'M SLEEPY
GOOD MORNING!

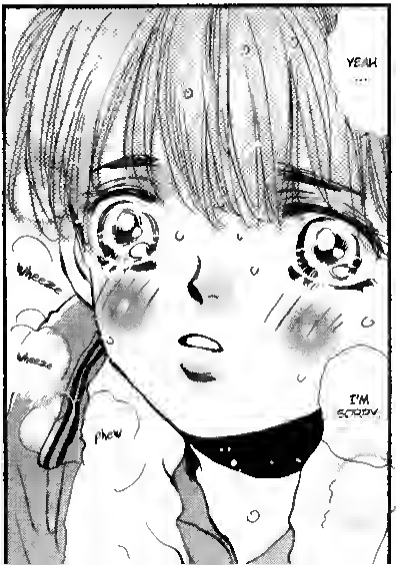
SHI-GERU!
THAT'S WHY THEY SAID YOU'VE GOT NO STAMINA.
YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD UP FOR AT LEAST THIS MUCH.

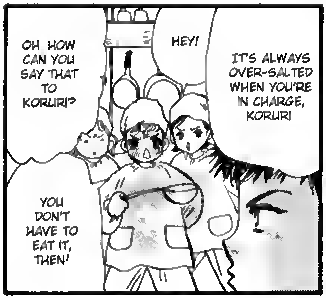

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
TROT
TROT

I'M DEAD TIRED
ANGO
WAIT FOR ME
huff
huff
wheeze

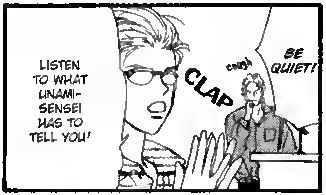
CRAP
ANGO! SHIGERU!
YOU'RE LATE EVERY-BODY'S ALREADY STARTED EATING

YOU JOG EVERY MORNING, RIGHT?
WE'RE SORRY, KANAME-SENPAI
AS LONG AS YOU AREN'T LATE, THAT'S QUITE PRAISE-WORTHY
DASH

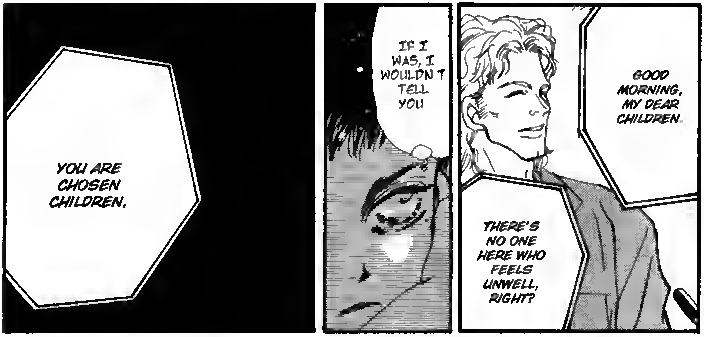

YEAH ...
wheeze
wheeze
phew
I'M SORRY


OH HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT TO KORURI?
HEY!
IT'S ALWAYS OVER-SALTED WHEN YOU'RE IN CHARGE, KORURI
YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT IT, THEN!

YOU'RE TOO LATE, ANGO!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POT
CLANG
CLANG

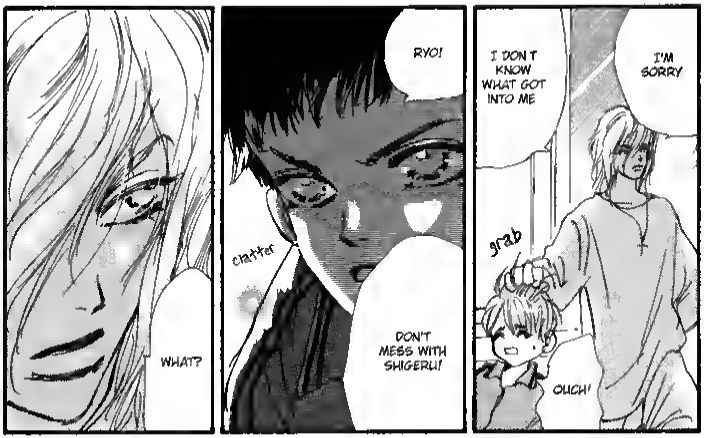

LISTEN TO WHAT UNAMI-SENSEI HAS TO TELL YOU!
CLAP
BE QUIET!

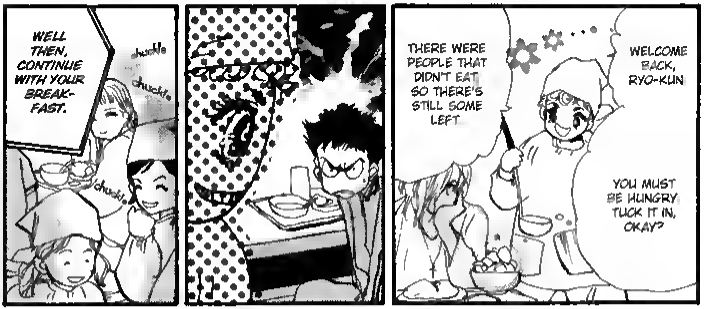
ANGO
They can hear you
The priest's hand Koruri asked it too long.
DAY AFTER DAY THE SAME CRAP


YOU ARE CHOSEN CHILDREN.
IF I WAS, I WOULDN'T TELL YOU
GOOD MORNING, MY DEAR CHILDREN.
THERE'S NO ONE HERE WHO FEELS UNWELL, RIGHT?

YOU WERE BORN FROM CAREFULLY SELECTED EGG CELLS AND SPERM.
YOU ARE EXTRAORDINARY AND SPECIAL CHILDREN.
AND WHY ARE YOU SPECIAL?
BECAUSE YOU HAVE A MISSION.
THE NOBLE MISSION TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
CREAK
THAT'S THE REASON.

RYO
IT'S RYO
RYO
BEING IN THE DISCIPLINARY ROOM FOR THREE DAYS WAS PRETTY HARD, I GUESS
HOW SLOPPY
WHAT DID HE DO, AGAIN?
HE SMOKED
TITTER
RYO,
SIT DOWN AND EAT
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR ANOTHER VIOLATION OF THE RULES
YOU AND ANGO ARE THE STARS
IT'D BE A WASTE TO GIVE YOU AN UNNECESSARY DEMERIT
YOU ARE ONE OF OUR TOP STUDENTS

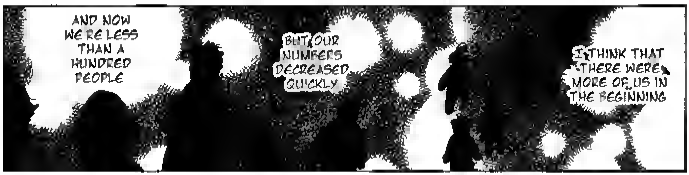

WHAT?
RYO!
clatter
DON'T MESS WITH SHIGERU!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO ME
I'M SORRY
grab
OUCH!

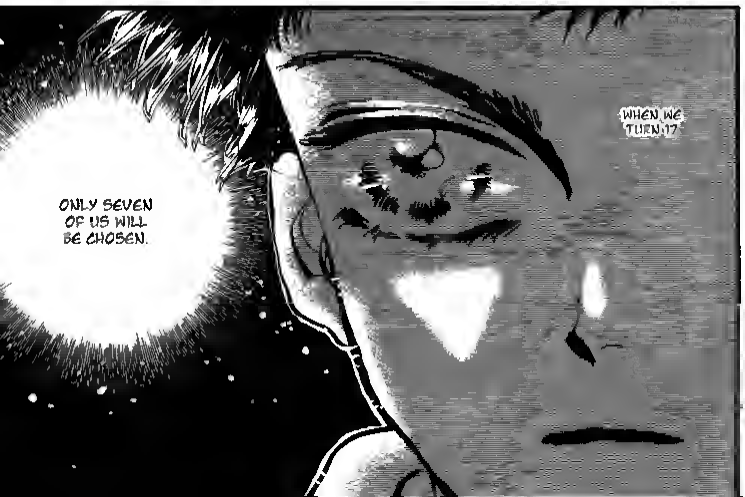

WELL THEN, CONTINUE WITH YOUR BREAK-FAST.
chuckle
chuckle
chuckle
THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT DIDN'T EAT SO THERE'S STILL SOME LEFT
WELCOME BACK, RYO-KUN
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY TUCK IT IN, OKAY?

DING DONG
WELL, LET'S BEGIN OUR DAY
TOSS
THEY CONTAIN A LOT OF NUTRI-ENTS WHICH YOUR BODY NEEDS TO GROW
AND DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR PILLS AFTER THE MEAL.

YOU NEED TO HARDEN YOUR BODY..
AND LEARN MANY THINGS.
YOU HAVE TO ACQUIRE THE KNOWL-EDGE AND POWER.
TO SURVIVE NO MATTER WHAT SITUATION YOU ENCOUNTER.
YOU MUST AIM TO BE THE PERFECT HUMAN.
UNDER-STOOD?
YOU WILL BOARD NOAH'S ARK.
YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONES!
THOSE WHO ARE INCOMPE-TENT WILL BE WEEDED OUT MERCILESSLY.

THAT'S RIGHT
WE'VE BEEN HERE EVER SINCE WE WERE BORN
IF A LOT OF RAIN CLOUDS ARE GATHERED LIKE THIS
scribble
scribble
THEY ARE CALLED CUMULO-NIMBUS OR SUPER CELLS
THEY ARE THE CAUSE OF STORMS AND LONG-LASTING AND HEAVY RAIN


I THINK THAT THERE WERE MORE OF US IN THE BEGINNING
BUT OUR NUMBERS DECREASED QUICKLY
AND NOW WE'RE LESS THAN A HUNDRED PEOPLE

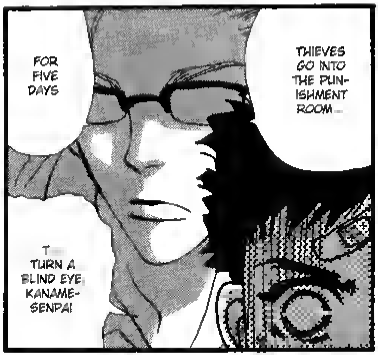

WHEN WE TURN 17
ONLY SEVEN OF US WILL BE CHOSEN.

BUT HEY SHIGERU,
YOU'LL BE CHOSEN, TOO.
YEAH!
YOU BET
ANGO WILL DEFINITELY MAKE IT!
I'M SURE ANGO WILL MAKE IT.
HE COMPETES FOR THE LEAD MOST OF THE TIME
IS RED!
NO-BARA
IS YELLOW
MAYU
IS BLUE!
AND KORURI
NO-BARA-CHAN
MAYU-CHAN
KO-RURI-CHAN
THE THREE OF US WILL GO INTO THE FUTURE TOGETHER.
AH.
I'LL WORK HARD.
YEAH.
OF COURSE I'LL BE CHOSEN AS WELL.
I also compete for the lead for now!
THEY'RE THE SAME EXCEPT FOR THE COLOURS AND STAND FOR OUR VOW! AMAZING!
WE MADE FITTING FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS!
YOUR CHATTER IS GETTING ON MY NERVES.
CLACK

I BET SHIGERU WON'T BE CHOSEN
YAMA!
RYO!
OUR STRONG AND WEAK POINTS ARE BOTH BEING RECOG-NIZED
AND SHIGERU HAS A GOOD MEMORY
HE'S A DROPOUT
ONLY SUPERIOR PEOPLE WILL REMAIN
LIKE MYSELF
KANA-ME-SAN
THAT'S NOT YET DECIDED, RYO-KUN
IT WILL BE DECIDED WHEN YOU'RE 17
FOR NOW IT'S ABOUT REMAINING UNTIL THEN
I WILL RE-MAIN

SHI-GERU!
YOU DIDN'T HAND IN YOUR REPORT
GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM IF YOU FORGOT IT
AH...
I'M SORRY
I WAS SO TIRED
I CAN'T EXPLAIN
I MEAN
SENSEI
SHIGERU CAN'T CONQUER THE WESTERN ROCK FACE,
SO HE STAYS LONGER AND GETS SPECIAL TRAINING EVERY DAY
THAT'S WHY
SLAP
ANGO!
PEOPLE WHO CAN'T CONQUER THE WESTERN ROCK FACE ARE TO DROP OUT...
AND RETURN HOME
whip
whip
ANGO,
DON'T THINK SO HIGHLY OF YOURSELF JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE GOOD

UUH
LET'S GO PRACTICE
SHI-GERU.
SHI-GERU.
WAKE UP.

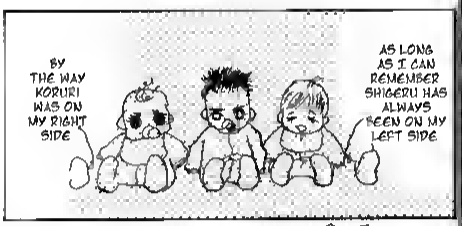

FOR FIVE DAYS
THIEVES GO INTO THE PUNISHMENT ROOM...
I'LL TURN A BLIND EYE, KANAME-SENPAI

Shrine hall
BUT WAIT A MOMENT BEFORE THAT.
I'LL GET US SOME FOOD

ALL RIGHT
LET'S GO CLIMB IT, SHIGERU!
Yeah.

Be careful! Put in Band-Aids too
I BROUGHT YOU SAND-WICHES!
THANK YOU KANAME-SENPAI
It's honey and bonito chicken
I LIKE YOU A LOT BECAUSE YOU UNDER-STAND US!
GOOD LUCK

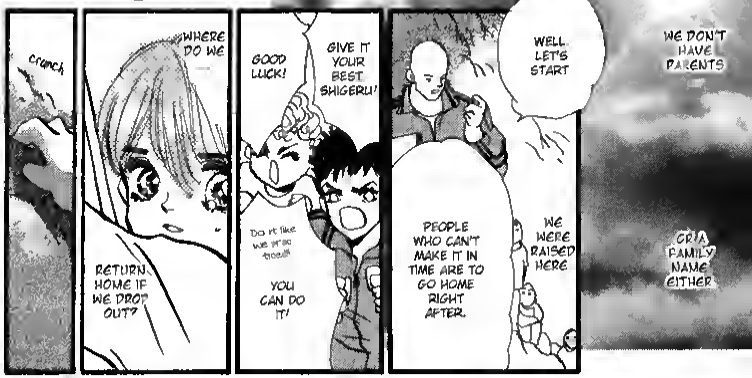
HAHA.
BUT I'VE MADE IT A PRINCIPLE OF MINE TO NEVER BE IN THE WAY OF SOMEONE WHO GOES ALL OUT


BY THE WAY KORURI WAS ON MY RIGHT SIDE
AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER SHIGERU HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON MY LEFT SIDE

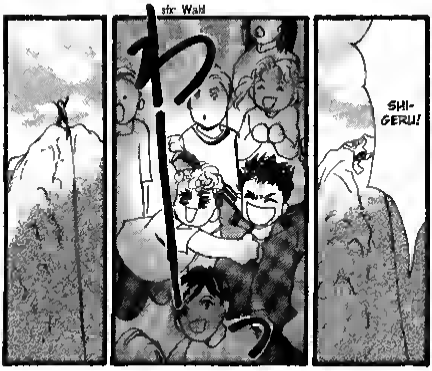
REPOSITION YOUR FOOT!
DON'T GIVE UP
I TOLD YOU THAT IT WON'T WORK IF YOU STRETCH YOURSELF!
WE GREW UP TOGETHER

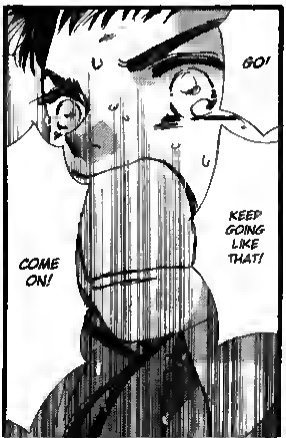
WE'LL GO TOGETHER FROM NOW ON, TOO.
YOU LEARNED THAT, DIDN'T YOU? THAT'S THE THREE-POINT SUPPORT
DON'T FORGET TO HAVE A FIRM FOOTHOLD!
WE'LL ALL BE CHOSEN TOGETHER
GO, SHIGERU!!
DO YOU HEAR ME, SHIGERU!!

TAKE YOUR TIME.
BE CARE-FUL
A LITTLE MORE
LISTEN,
Just like I showed you before.
GRASP OVER THERE WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND


WE DON'T HAVE PARENTS
OR A FAMILY NAME EITHER
WELL LET'S START
WE WERE RAISED HERE
PEOPLE WHO CAN'T MAKE IT IN TIME ARE TO GO HOME RIGHT AFTER.
GOOD LUCK!
GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHIGERU!
Do it like we're a team!!
YOU CAN DO IT!
WHERE DO WE
RETURN HOME IF WE DROP OUT?
Crunch

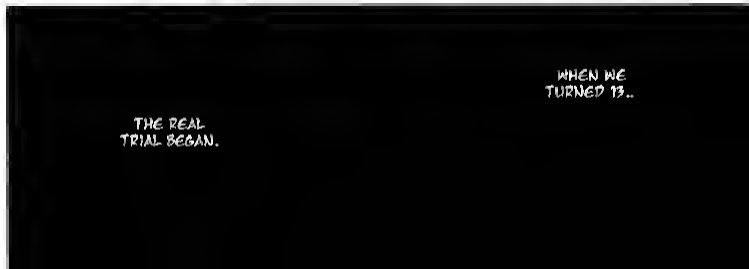
DON'T HAVE A HOME
WE


sfx: Wald
わ
SHI-GERU!


GO!
KEEP GOING LIKE THAT!
COME ON!

WAS THE SOUND OF ANTONIN DVORAK'S "GOING HOME".
THE SIGN FOR LIGHTS OUT

DO WE GO HOME TO?
GOING HOME
WHERE
ONCE IN A WHILE, KANAME SENPAI
PLAYED IT ON THE TRUMPET BY HIMSELF


WHEN WE TURNED 13..
THE REAL TRIAL BEGAN.

Meaning of the Character's Names

Ango:
calm and firm
existence

Mayu:
cocoon

Shigeru:
thick growth

Nobara:
wild rose

Ryo:
the cool

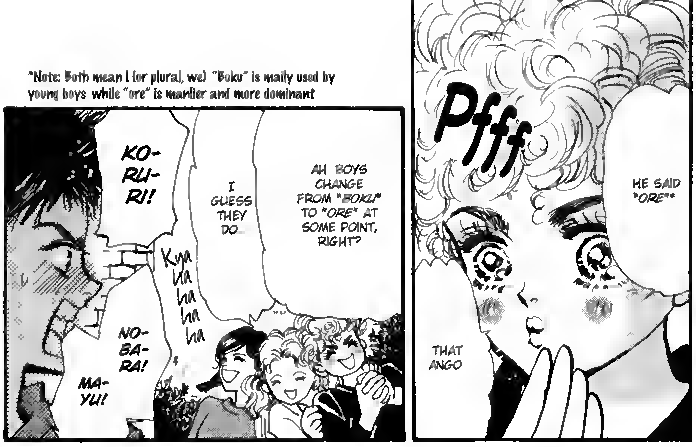
Ayu:
sweetfish

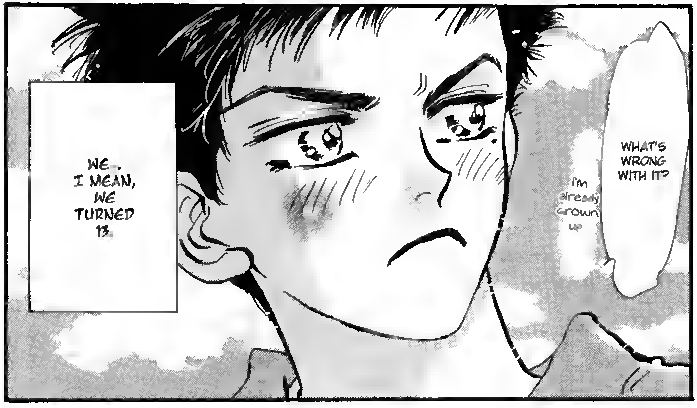
Koruri:
blue fly-catcher

Gengoro:
Japanese
diving
beetle

HAIL OF CORN CHAPTER 2

[Peer Gynt Suite No.1 "Morning Mood"]


*Note: Both mean I (or plural, we) "Boku" is mainly used by young boys while "ore" is manlier and more dominant
KO-RU-RI!
NO-BA-RA!
MA-YU!
Kya kya kya kya
I GUESS THEY DO
AH BOYS CHANGE FROM "BOKU" TO "ORE" AT SOME POINT, RIGHT?
Pfff
HE SAID "ORE"
THAT ANGO



Tiny Tamu Tamu Time (The Only One)

Hello everybody!

It's about different people again.

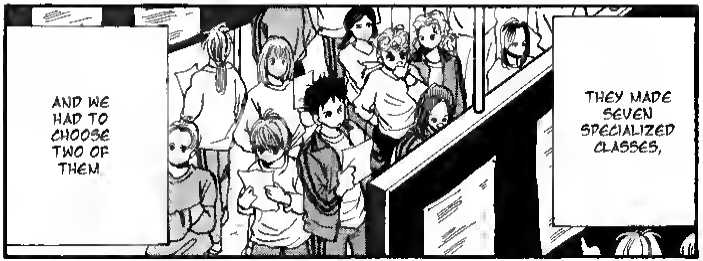
I'm sorry for coming up with something new all the time.

As always thank you for your letters and emails!

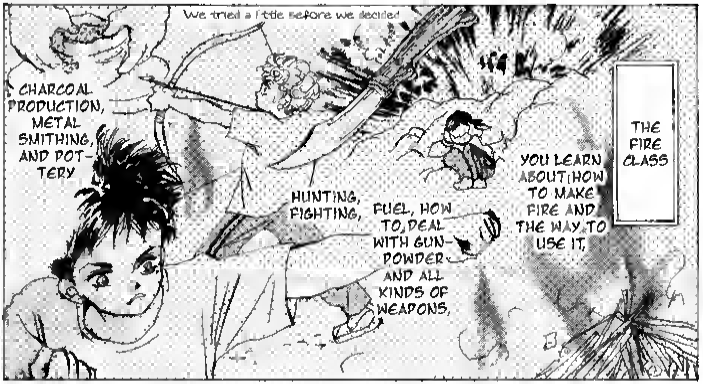
Please let me know your impressions at any time.

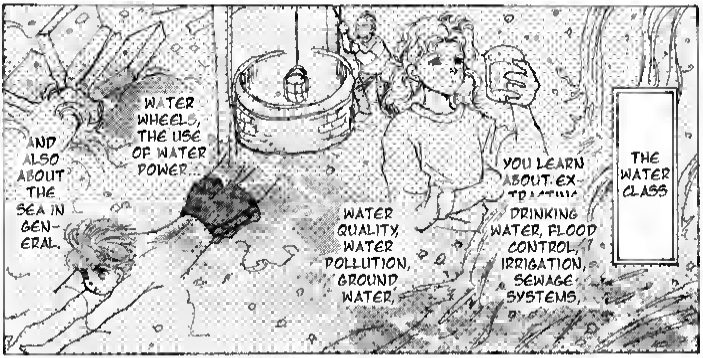
If you enjoy it I'm happy.

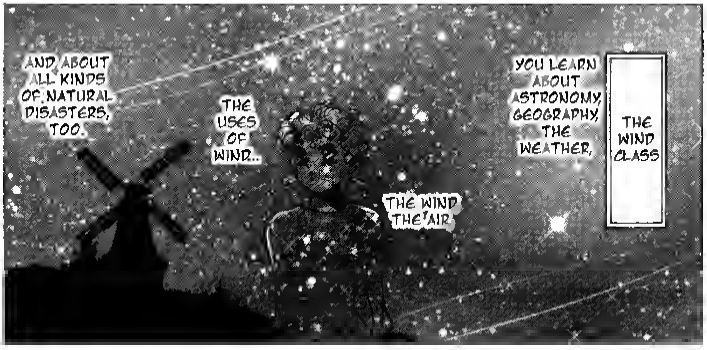
TAMU

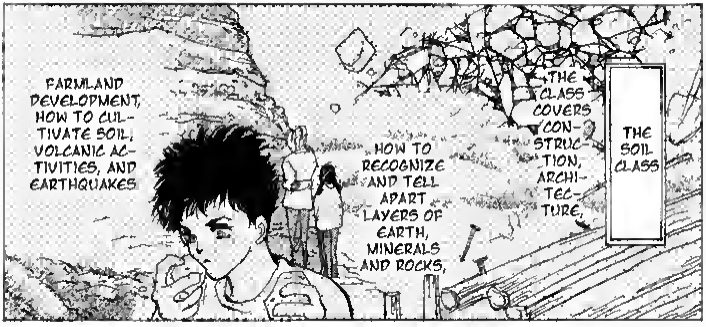


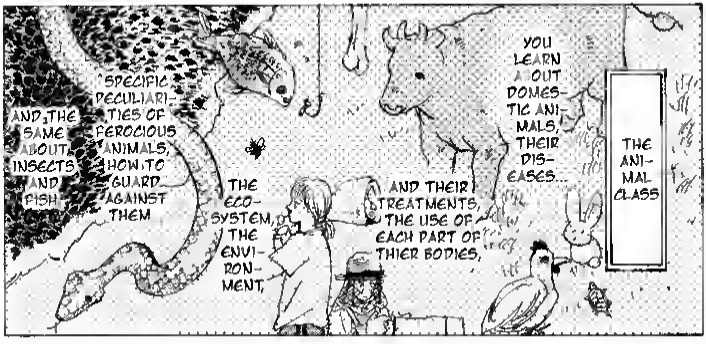
We had common classes too

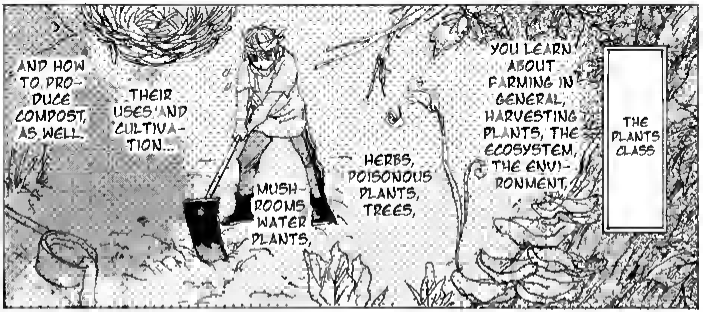

We tried a little before we decided
CHARCOAL PRODUCTION, METAL SMITHING, AND POTTERY
HUNTING, FIGHTING,
FUEL, HOW TO DEAL WITH GUNPOWDER AND ALL KINDS OF WEAPONS,
YOU LEARN ABOUT HOW TO MAKE FIRE AND THE WAY TO USE IT.
THE FIRE CLASS

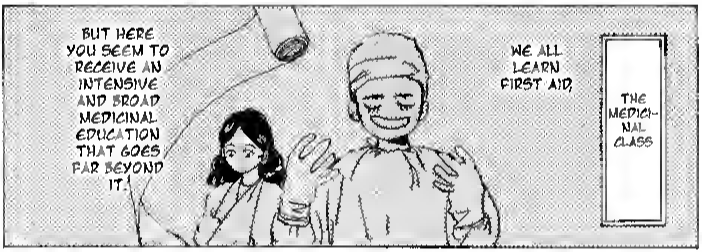

AND ALSO ABOUT THE SEA IN GENERAL.
WATER WHEELS, THE USE OF WATER POWER...
WATER QUALITY WATER POLLUTION, GROUND WATER,
YOU LEARN ABOUT EX-
DRINKING WATER, FLOOD CONTROL, IRRIGATION, SEWAGE SYSTEMS,
THE WATER CLASS


AND, ABOUT ALL KINDS OF NATURAL DISASTERS, TOO.
THE USES OF WIND...
THE WIND THE AIR
YOU LEARN ABOUT ASTRONOMY, GEOGRAPHY, THE WEATHER,
THE WIND CLASS


FARMLAND DEVELOPMENT, HOW TO CULTIVATE SOIL, VOLCANIC ACTIVITIES, AND EARTHQUAKES.
HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND TELL APART LAYERS OF EARTH, MINERALS AND ROCKS,
THE CLASS COVERS CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE,
THE SOIL CLASS


AND THE SAME ABOUT INSECTS AND FISH
SPECIFIC PECULIARITIES OF FEROCIOUS ANIMALS, HOW TO GUARD AGAINST THEM
THE ECOSYSTEM, THE ENVIRONMENT,
AND THEIR TREATMENTS, THE USE OF EACH PART OF THEIR BODIES,
YOU LEARN ABOUT DOMESTIC ANIMALS, THEIR DISEASES...
THE ANIMAL CLASS

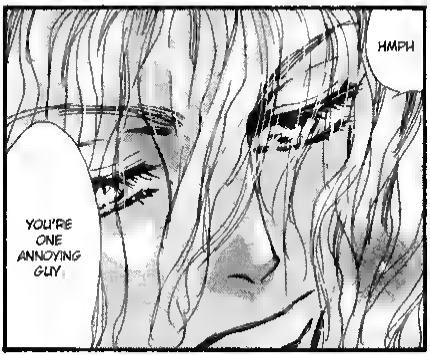

AND HOW TO PRODUCE COMPOST, AS WELL.
THEIR USES AND CULTIVATION...
MUSHROOMS, WATER PLANTS,
HERBS, POISONOUS PLANTS, TREES,
YOU LEARN ABOUT FARMING IN GENERAL, HARVESTING PLANTS, THE ECOSYSTEM, THE ENVIRONMENT,
THE PLANTS CLASS


BUT HERE YOU SEEM TO RECEIVE AN INTENSIVE AND BROAD MEDICINAL EDUCATION THAT GOES FAR BEYOND IT.
WE ALL LEARN FIRST AID,
THE MEDICINAL CLASS

IN ORDER TO TAKE THE LEAD NO MATTER WHERE I GO...
WHAT?
YOU'RE IN THE SAME CLASSES AS ME?

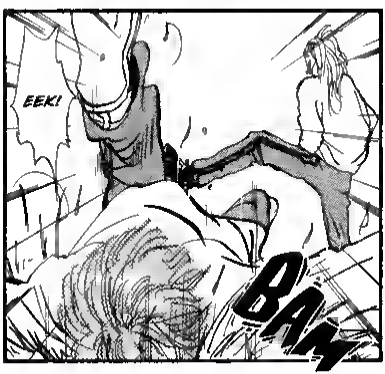
BECAUSE I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT I'D BE THE STRONGEST...
IF I MASTER FIRE AND WATER

I WILL TAKE...
"FIRE" AND "WATER" ...
I GUESS.
WE CHOSE TWO FROM ALL THOSE.


HMPH
YOU'RE ONE ANNOYING GUY

THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT SHARED MY OPINION
RYO

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...
I WON'T LOSE TO


EEK!
BAM

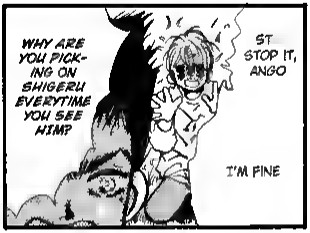
STUMBLE

AH,
ANGO! ANGO!
HEY SHIGERU!!

A MERIT STUDENT LIKE YOU
YOU'LL GO INTO THE DISCIPLINARY CHAMBER FOR THAT
ARE YOU PICK-ING A FIGHT?
HEH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYO?!
HEY!

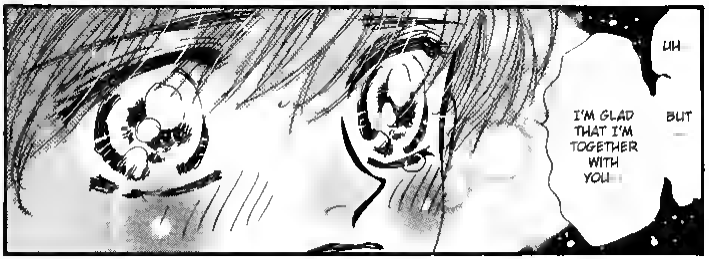
WHAT?!
IN THE SAME CLASS-ES AS YOU, ANGO
I'M—
FIRE AND WATER

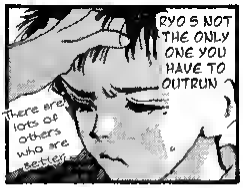
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,
NO, NO
don't do it
I'LL BEAT HIM TO A PULP SOMEDAY
THAT JERK


I'M FINE
ST STOP IT, ANGO
WHY ARE YOU PICK-ING ON SHIGERU EVERYTIME YOU SEE HIM?

WHO KNOWS

LISTEN! THERE ARE 7 CLASSES.
AND THE BEST ONE FROM EACH WILL BE CHOSEN!
WE CAN'T BE CHOSEN TOGETHER, CAN WE?!
ARE YOU STUPID?!
RYO IS IN THE SAME CLASSES.

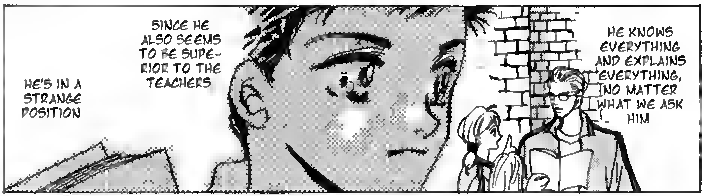


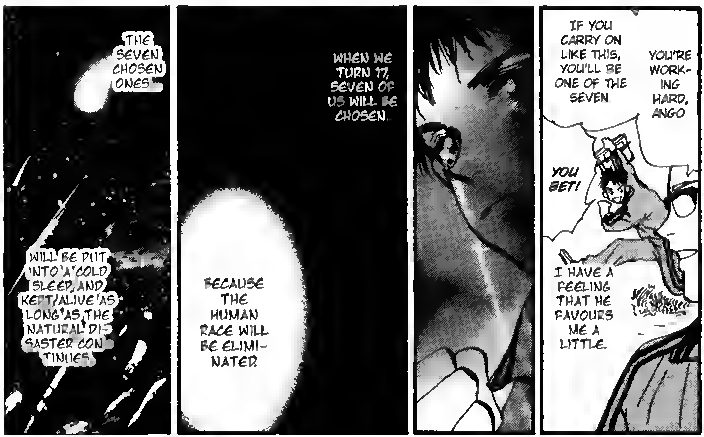


OF COURSE WE HAD OTHER CLASSES LIKE SPORTS, TOO...

WE HAD MORE AND MORE EXPERT TEACHERS
BASICALLY IT WAS RUNNING, SWIMMING, AND CLIMBING MOUNTAINS.
WE DIDN'T PLAY BALL GAMES
ACK!
side three
TAKASHI-SENPAI IS AT THE UNIVERSITY WITH ME
MOUTAIN CLIMBING IS ALSO A HOBBY OF HIS. SO YOU SHOULD LEARN IT
SO YOU'RE A UNIVERSITY STUDENT, KANAME-SENPAI?
IT'S NO LAUGHING MATTER.
I'LL TRAIN YOU HARD
AND TURN YOU INTO FIGHTING MACHINES THAT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE A KNIFE OR THE LIKE, TOO
IF YOU'RE ATTACKED LIKE THIS FROM BEHIND,
YOU TWIST THEIR HAND AND PIN THEM DOWN WITH A JOINT LOCK
OW, OW, OW
OW, OW, OW.
hahahahaha
HE GOT YOU AGAIN
Fire class

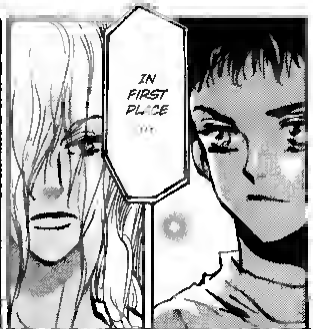
HE DOESN'T COME ACROSS AS A TEACHER, BUT AS SOMEONE WHO LOOKS AFTER US...
AND APPARENTLY HE'S 4 YEARS OLDER THAN WE ARE.
KANAME-SENPAI IS A MYSTERIOUS PERSON
HE SKIPPED A GRADE THAT'S WHY WE'RE TO-GETHER
I HAVEN'T BEEN THERE FOR MANY YEARS, THOUGH.
He's an expert in mountain climbing, too.
HE'S A GENIUS


HE'S IN A STRANGE POSITION
SINCE HE ALSO SEEMS TO BE SUPE-RIOR TO THE TEACHERS
HE KNOWS EVERYTHING AND EXPLAINS EVERYTHING, NO MATTER WHAT WE ASK HIM

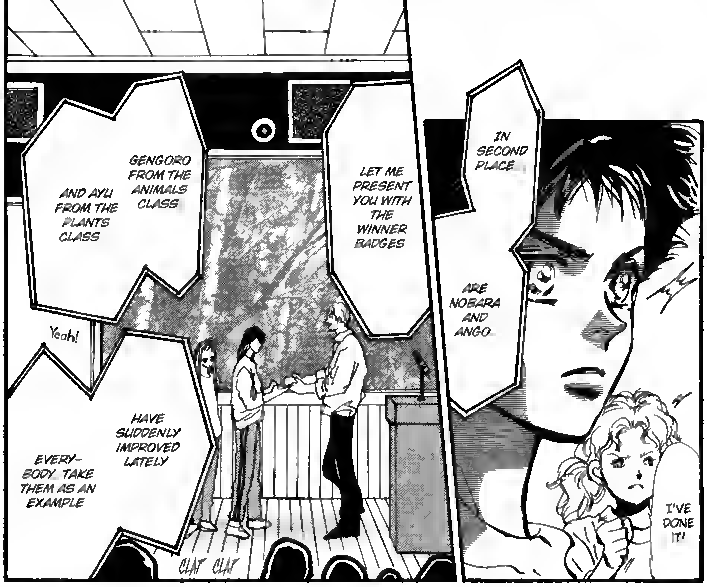

THE SEVEN CHOSEN ONES
WILL BE PUT INTO A COLD SLEEP AND KEPT ALIVE AS LONG AS THE NATURAL DIS-ASTER CON-TINUES.
WHEN WE TURN 17, SEVEN OF US WILL BE CHOSEN.
BECAUSE THE HUMAN RACE WILL BE ELIMI-NATED
IF YOU CARRY ON LIKE THIS, YOU'LL BE ONE OF THE SEVEN
YOU'RE WORK-ING HARD, ANGO
YOU BET!
I HAVE A FEELING THAT HE FAVOURS ME A LITTLE.

AND THEN WE'LL COME OUT INTO THE DESTROYED WORLD...
TO WRITE A NEW HISTORY.
I'LL BE CHOSEN NO MATTER WHAT.
OTHER-WISE THERE WOULD BE NO POINT FOR ME TO BE HERE!
INTO THE GLORIOUS SELECT TROUPE
I'M GOING TO ANNOUNCE THE TOP RANKINGS.
NOW,
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.

WE HAVE A TIE FOR THE FIRST TIME
GEN-GORO
AND AYU.


IN FIRST PLACE

BOO
BOO
It's the same every month. Even without announcing it, I messed up this month.
IT'S ANGO AND RYO AGAIN, ANYWAY.


IN SECOND PLACE
ARE NOBARA AND ANGO.
I'VE DONE IT!
LET ME PRESENT YOU WITH THE WINNER BADGES
GENGORO FROM THE ANIMALS CLASS
AND AYU FROM THE PLANTS CLASS
Yeah!
CLAP CLAP
HAVE SUDDENLY IMPROVED LATELY
EVERY-BODY, TAKE THEM AS AN EXAMPLE

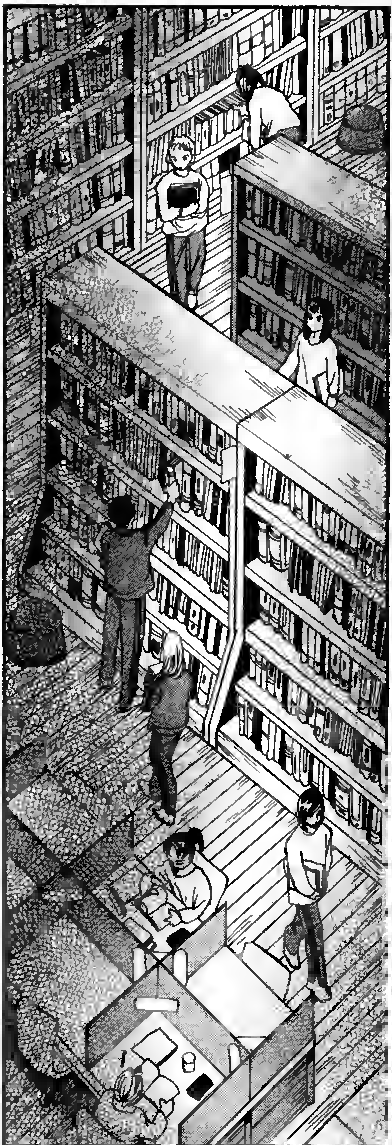
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ANGO?
AYU IS EVEN CALLED "MA-DONNA" BY SOME OF THE BOYS NOW
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S A LITTLE ANNOYING
HMPH
HEH
GENGORO WAS A QUIET, OBEDIENT GUY
AYU WAS INCON-SPICU-OUS, TOO

GEN-GORO,
KANAME-SENPAI IS WONDERING IF YOU'LL COME TO THE STUDY GROUP
SOME PEOPLE SUDDENLY MADE PROGRESS.
HEH!
NOW IS WHEN...
SNAP
WH— WHAT? YOU HAVE THIS IN THE ANIMAL CLASS, TOO?
YEAH.
THESE —
AND THESE, AS WELL
WOAH!

DOMESTIC ANIMALS ARE A MATTER OF COURSE
WE HAVE FEROCIOUS ANIMALS, TOO
WE LEARN HOW TO HANDLE THEM.
THERE ARE INSECTS AS WELL BEES AND THE LIKE
We collect the honey
HEH
Animals aren't quite my thing
IT KINDA
LOOKS HARD THE ANIMAL CLASS
'Cause you can't communicate with them
AND YOU'RE HURT ALL OVER.
IT'S A LITTLE DE-PRESS-ING
WHEN WE SLAUGH-TER AND SKIN THE ANIMALS

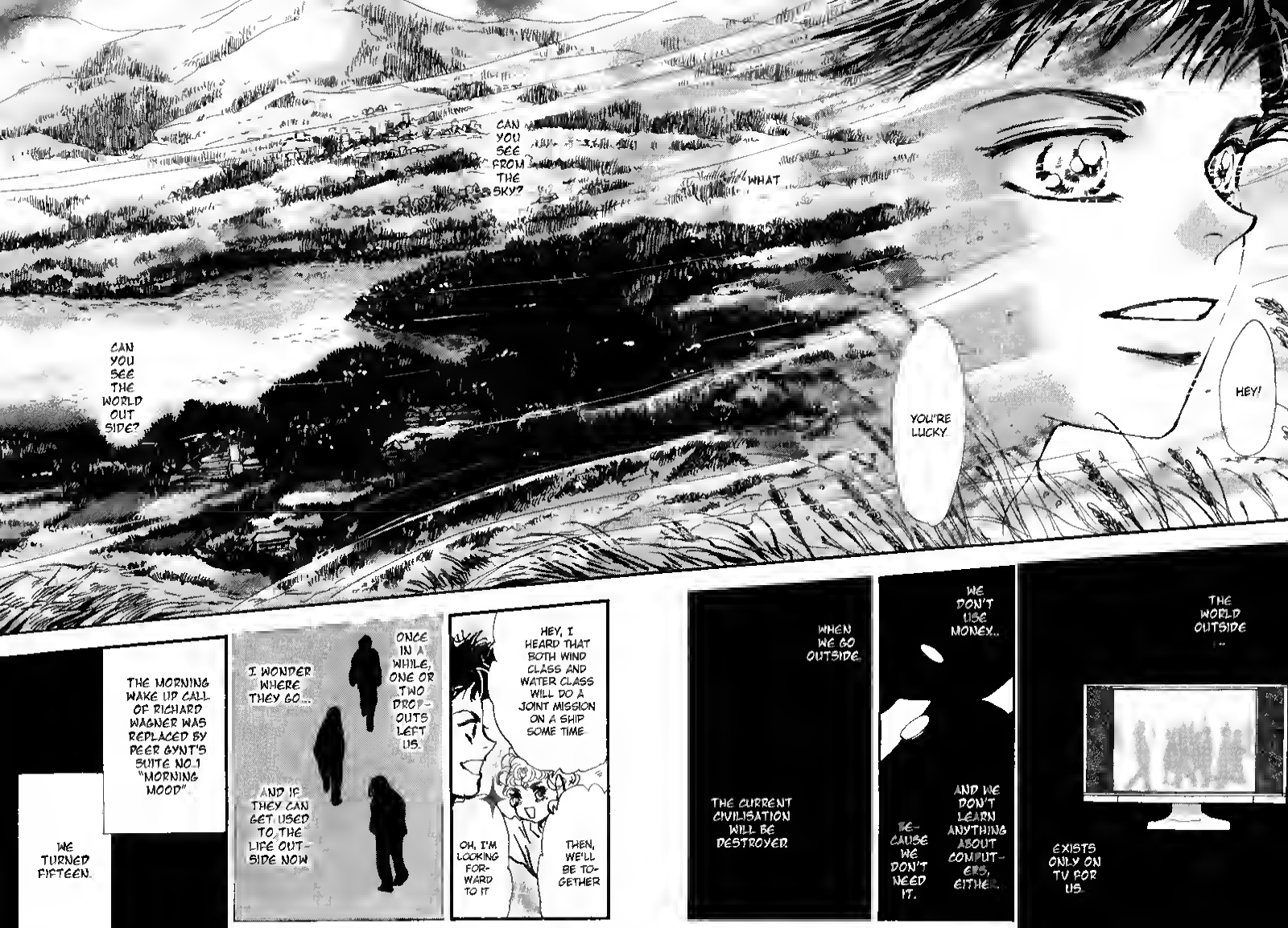
BUT FOOD AND CLOTHING ARE IMPOR-TANT, RIGHT?
NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO,
YOU CAN MAKE CLOTHES FROM THE LEATH-ERS
AND EAT MEAT
I TOOK THE PLANTS CLASS, TOO
I THINK IT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO MASTER THOSE TWO

HMM.
GEN-GORO
YOU WERE AMAZING
KIND OF REMARK-ABLE
NOT AS MUCH AS YOU, ANGO
MY FIRST PLACE WAS A LUCKY HIT
ow ow
GEN-GORO-KUN,
I'M HERE TO GET THE USUAL
nibble
nibble
HELP YOUR-SELF, AYU-SAN
OH, MADON-NA
STOP CALLING ME THAT, WILL YOU?
HUH ?!
SNIFF
IT STINKS!
YOU STINK, MADONNA!
OF COURSE I DO
I'M MAKING COMPOST AT THE MOMENT
I'M HERE TO GET THE DUNG
WE USE YOUR FECES TOO, ANGO



I
WON'T
LOSE

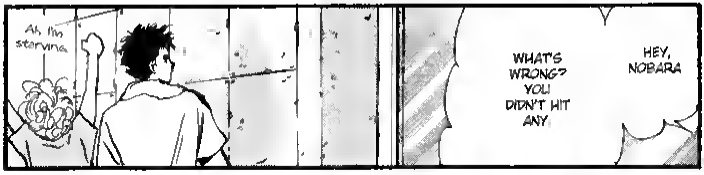
Every-
Daily
Making
progress
I HAVE TO BE CARE-FUL
I CAN'T DEPEND ON MY GRADES FROM WHEN I WAS LITTLE
OH, NOBARA
YOU WORK LATE EVERY-DAY
WHY, YOU TOO, SHIGERU
scribble
bite bite
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
YOU LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT THE WEATHER, DON'T YOU?
YEAH
I HEARD THAT WE'LL GO HANG-GLIDING NEXT TIME
IT'S FUN
YOU CAN'T EVEN HAVE MANI-CURES ANY-MORE.
JUST LOOK AT YOUR NAILS!
Be quiet
he he
KORU-RI
I WAS INTER-STED IN IT, AS WELL
YOU'RE IN THE WIND CLASS HOW IS IT?
YOU'RE BITING YOUR NAILS AGAIN! YOU MUSTN'T!
NOBARA-CHAN,
Be quiet
THERE YOU ARE!
STOMP
STOMP

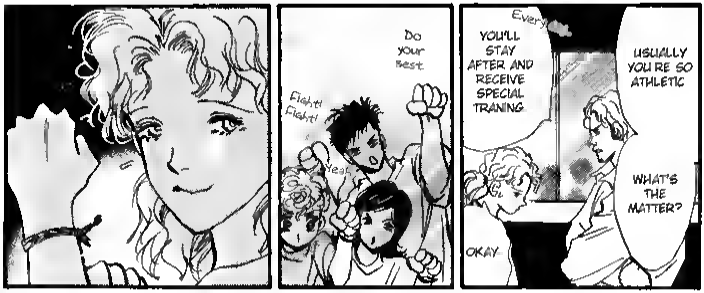

CAN YOU SEE FROM THE SKY?
WHAT
CAN YOU SEE THE WORLD OUT SIDE?
YOU'RE LUCKY.
HEY!
THE MORNING WAKE UP CALL OF RICHARD WAGNER WAS REPLACED BY PEER GYNT'S SUITE NO.1 "MORNING MOOD"
WE TURNED FIFTEEN.
I WONDER WHERE THEY GO...
ONCE IN A WHILE, ONE OR TWO DROP-OUTS LEFT US.
AND IF THEY CAN GET USED TO THE LIFE OUT-SIDE NOW
HEY, I HEARD THAT BOTH WIND CLASS AND WATER CLASS WILL DO A JOINT MISSION ON A SHIP SOME TIME.
OH, I'M LOOKING FOR-WARD TO IT
THEN, WE'LL BE TO-GETHER
WHEN WE GO OUTSIDE.
THE CURRENT CIVILISATION WILL BE DESTROYED.
WE DON'T USE MONEY..
BE-CAUSE WE DON'T NEED IT.
AND WE DON'T LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT COMPUT-ERS, EITHER.
THE WORLD OUTSIDE ...
EXISTS ONLY ON TV FOR US.

SHOOTING PRACTICE BEGAN FOR ALL OF US.
BANG
LISTEN. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF LIVING BEINGS...
AND...
WILL BE IN THE FUTURE YOU GO TO
THERE COULD BE AN INVASION OF PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO FIGHT...
AND PROTECT THE LIVES OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE,
YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST BE ABLE TO SHOOT!
BANG
BANG BANG
OH,
EXCELLENT ANGO
YOU ARE GOOD, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO
Hmm
Of course

RYO, TOO

Phew
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG

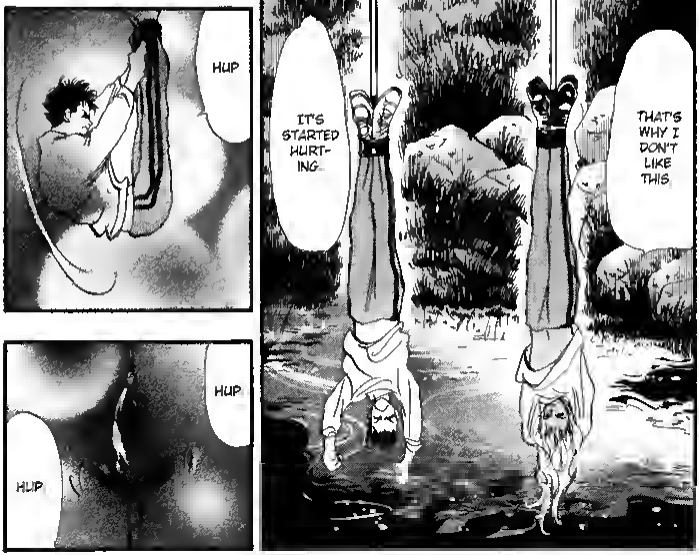

Ah, I'm starving
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DIDN'T HIT ANY
HEY, NOBARA

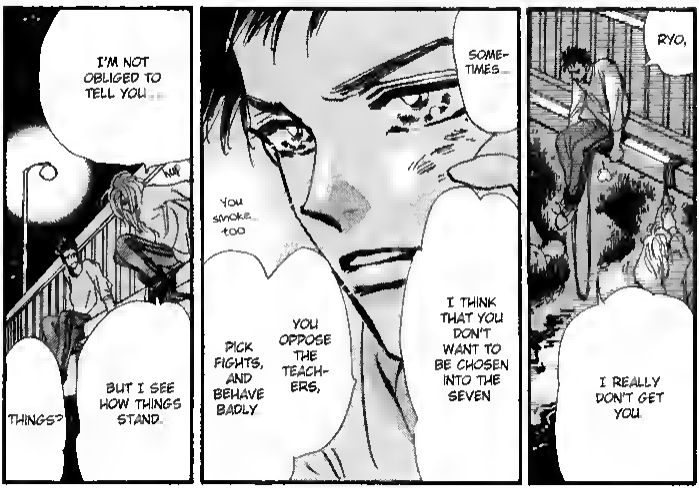

Fight! Fight!
Heal
Do your best.
YOU'LL STAY AFTER AND RECEIVE SPECIAL TRANING
OKAY
Every
USUALLY YOU'RE SO ATHLETIC
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

WE HAD KITCHEN DUTY IN TURNS
ALL OF US LEARNED COOKING
HEY
IT STINKS
SOME-ONE STINKS HEY!
DON'T COME TO THE DINING HALL LIKE THAT
I SLAUGH-TERED A COW TODAY,
AND TANNED ITS SKIN.
SNIFF SNIFF
HUH?!
SORRY, I GUESS IT'S ME.
I TOOK A SHOWER THOUGH
I'M SORRY I'LL TAKE ONE AGAIN AND THEN COME BACK
DO THAT, IDIOT!
GEN-GO-RO
IT'S ALL RIGHT. SIT DOWN AND EAT.
STOMP

WHAT ARE THESE SHOES MADE OF?!
WHAT IS THE MEAL MADE OF...
WHICH YOU'RE EATING RIGHT NOW?! RYO!
WHACK
I GUESS I HAVE TO SETTLE THIS WITH YOU...
ONCE AND FOR ALL.

WAAA
CRASH
AAAH
STOP IT, YOU TWO!
CRASH
HEY! STOP IT!
Huh?
Ano?
IN FIGHTS HERE, BOTH PARTIES WILL BE PUNISHED
You don't have a chance.
You still haven't had enough you two?
USUALLY YOU GO TO THE DISCI-PLINARY CHAMBER
IT'S A HORRIBLE ROOM—
LIKE A SMALL BOX WHERE YOU CAN'T STRETCH YOURSELF AT ALL
AND HERE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MY TWENTY THIRD TIME IN THE DISCIPLINARY CHAMBER
YOU'RE IN THERE WAY TOO OFTEN

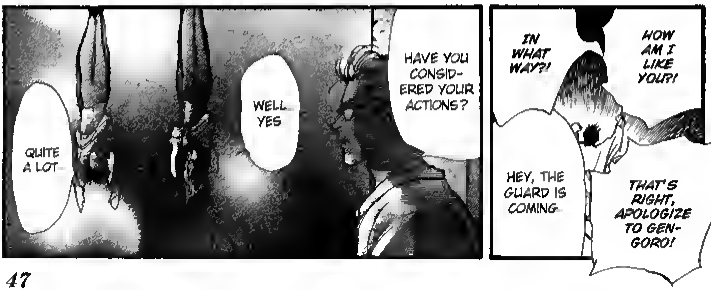

HUP
HUP
HUP
IT'S STARTED HURTING...
THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE THIS.


I'M NOT OBLIGED TO TELL YOU...
BUT I SEE HOW THINGS STAND.
THINGS?
You smoke, too
PICK FIGHTS, AND BEHAVE BADLY
YOU OPPOSE THE TEACHERS,
I THINK THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE CHOSEN INTO THE SEVEN
SOMETIMES...
RYO,
I REALLY DON'T GET YOU.

YOU'RE NOT STUPID. SO THINK ABOUT IT.
THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEM-SELVES.
WE DON'T KNOW THE CRITERIA FOR BEING CHOSEN, RIGHT?
WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER TOP STUDENTS WHO ARE WELL-BEHAVED, OBEDIENT
AND FOLLOW THE RULES WILL BE CHOSEN, DO WE?

THAT'S WHY I'M SURE
THAT SHIGERU IS NO GOOD
AND YOU TOO. BECAUSE YOU SPEND TIME WITH HIM
I
SEE HOW THINGS STAND
IT'S PROOF ENOUGH
THAT I WAS IN THE DISCIPLINARY CHAMBER 22 TIMES,
BUT I'M STILL HERE

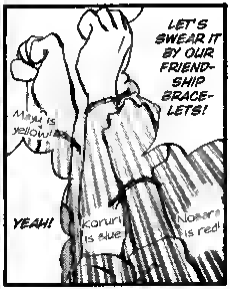
BUT, WELL
YOU'RE CUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH AS I AM,
SO MAYBE YOU'LL MAKE IT


HAVE YOU CONSIDERED YOUR ACTIONS?
WELL... YES
QUITE A LOT
HOW AM I LIKE YOU?!
IN WHAT WAY?!
HEY, THE GUARD IS COMING
THAT'S RIGHT, APOLOGIZE TO GENGORO!

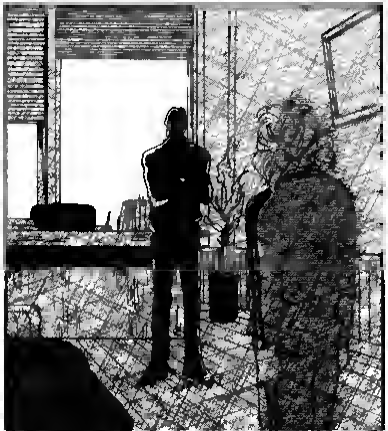
ARE THEY USE-LESS?
NO GOOD?
AH.
SURE.
ANGO,
EXPLAIN THIS TO ME!
ARE EARNEST PEOPLE WHO HAVE GOOD GRADES AND LOOK AFTER OTHERS...
THE CHOOSING CRITERIA...
BANG
BANG
BANG
DON'T WORRY, WE ALL HAVE SUBJECTS THAT WE'RE WEAK IN.
THAT'S RIGHT YOU'RE EXCELLENT EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE
WHAT SHOULD I DO IF HE TELLS ME THAT I HAVE TO LEAVE?
YOU'RE HOPELESS, NOBARA!
COME TO MY OFFICE LATER!

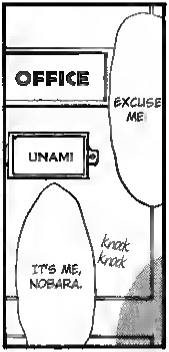
Let's hurry and go eat!
HA HA HA HA HA

THE THREE OF US WILL BE CHOSEN TO-GETHER.
RIGHT!
AB-SO-LUTE-LY!


LET'S SWEAR IT BY OUR FRIEND-SHIP BRACE-LETS!
Mine is yellow!
YEAH!
Konan's is blue!
Nobara's is red!

THERE YOU ARE.
NO-BARA!
WOULD YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THIS AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE?




OFFICE
EXCUSE ME
UNAM!
knock knock
IT'S ME, NOBARA.

WAH!
TRAMP
YOUR EYESIGHT IS DETERIORATING, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY YOUR BULLETS CAN'T HIT.
WAH!
I'M SORRY.
BUT NO MATTER HOW EXTRAORDINARY YOU ARE,
PEOPLE WITH BAD EYES CAN'T STAY
YOU'LL DROP OUT.
IS NOT ELIGIBLE
HEREDITARY SHORT SIGHTEDNESS...

NO-BA-RA?!
TAKE CARE!
GOOD LUCK, EVERY-BODY!
DO YOUR BEST, GUYS!
I WON'T TAKE OFF THE FRIEND-SHIP BRACE-LET
I'LL WRITE LETTERS
AND WE CAN TALK OVER THE PHONE
NO-BARA-CHAN!
NO-BARA-CHAN!

I WONDER...
WHERE'S HE TAKING HER...
SOB
SNIFF
THIS IS A WARNING TO YOU, ANGO
IT COULD... GET CRITICAL FOR YOU, TOO
THIS MONTH'S WINNER...
IS SHIGERU!!
WAA!!
IN SECOND PLACE...
ARE ANGO AND RYO.
THERE WHERE PEOPLE WHO SUDDENLY IMPROVED

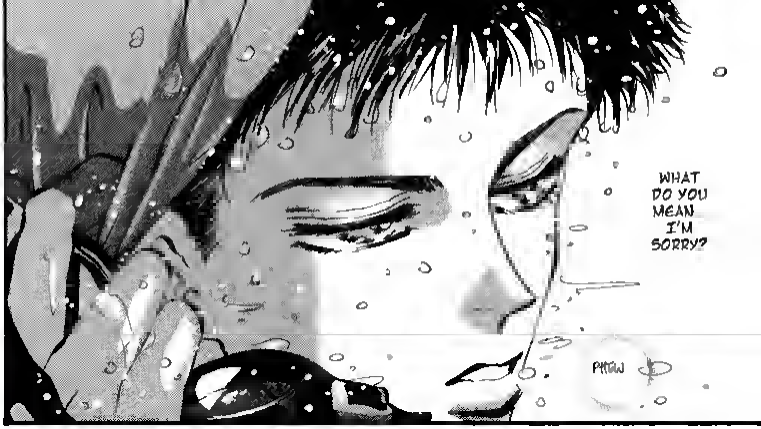
Meaning of the Character's Names

Nijiko:
Niji = rainbow
Ko = child

HAIL OF CORN

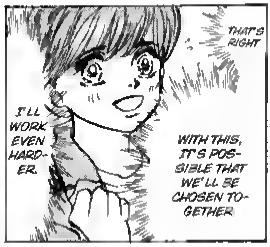
CHAPTER 3

[Humoresque]

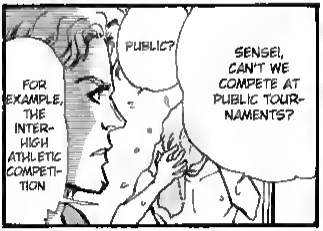

WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M SORRY?
PAOW

I FEEL KIND OF UNEASY
HEY, ANGO
LOOKS LIKE YOU CLOCKED A GOOD TIME
Morning
UNAMI-SENSEI
Good morning
KA-NAME-SENPAI

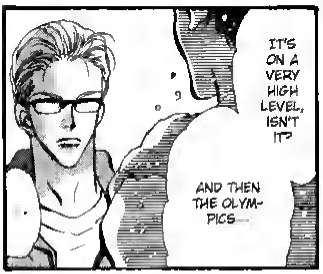
SINCE YOU'VE WORKED REALLY HARD, SHIGERU
WHY ARE YOU APOLO-GIZING? IT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT?
YEAH


THAT'S RIGHT
I'LL WORK EVEN HARD-ER.
WITH THIS, IT'S POS-SIBLE THAT WE'LL BE CHOSEN TO-GETHER

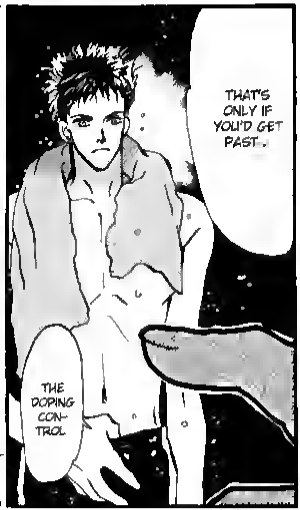
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A GOOD THING THAT YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT
HMPH I'M GOING TO FETCH BACK THE LEAD NEXT TIME

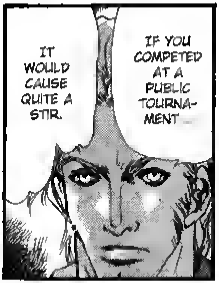

SENSEI, CAN'T WE COMPETE AT PUBLIC TOURNAMENTS?
PUBLIC?
FOR EXAMPLE, THE INTER-HIGH ATHLETIC COMPETITION

NO ONE CAN BEAT ME AT SWIMMING OR TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS
NOT RYO.
NOR SHIGERU.


IT'S ON A VERY HIGH LEVEL, ISN'T IT?
AND THEN THE OLYMPICS—

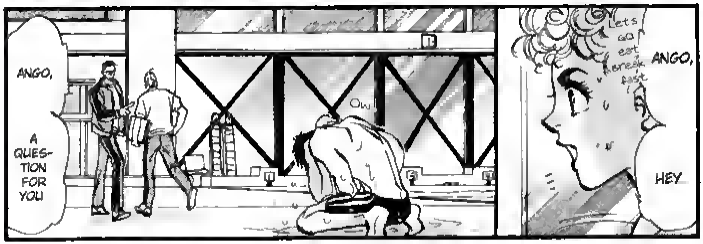
'CAUSE WE'RE DRUGGED UP TO THE EYEBALLS
—AH—
Cra
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT—
WE DON'T HAVE YOU TAKE ANYTHING BAD, THOUGH
HEY ANGO
It's various things that strengthen your immune system and your fitness.

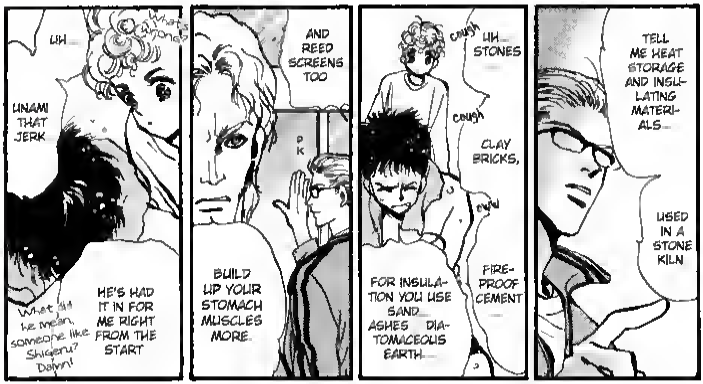

THAT'S ONLY IF YOU'D GET PAST.
THE DOPING CONTROL

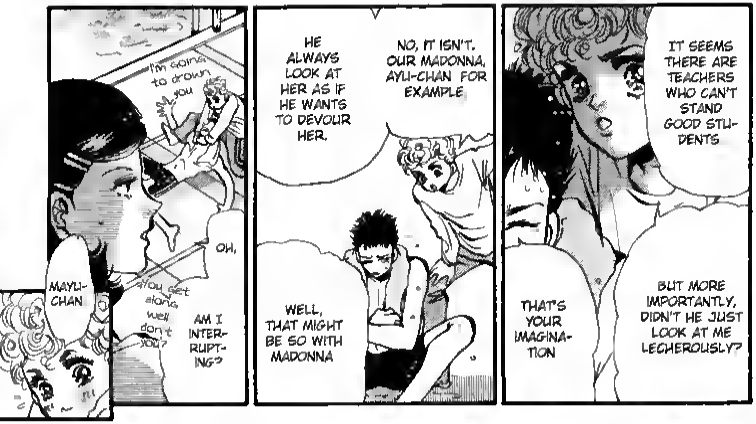

IF YOU COMPETED AT A PUBLIC TOURNAMENT—
IT WOULD CAUSE QUITE A STIR.

WOULDN'T THAT BE THRILLING?
BUT—

WHAT STUPID THINGS ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
THAT'S WHY SOMEONE LIKE SHIGERU COULD TAKE THE LEAD
PUNCH
PUNCH
WHERE YOU'LL SHOW YOUR POWER
ISN'T THE OLYMPICS.
PUNCH
BUT THE FUTURE
sfx whaak


ANGO,
A QUESTION FOR YOU
Ow
Let's go eat lunch fast fast
ANGO,
HEY

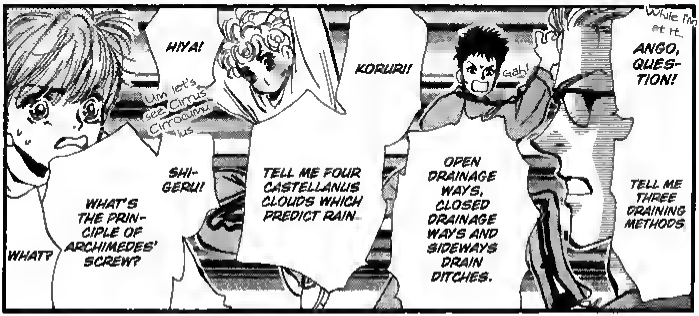

UH
UNAMI THAT JERK
What did he mean, someone like Shigeru? Dolyn!
HE'S HAD IT IN FOR ME RIGHT FROM THE START
AND REED SCREENS TOO
P K
BUILD UP YOUR STOMACH MUSCLES MORE.
cough
UH STONES
cough
CLAY BRICKS,
FOR INSULATION YOU USE SAND ASHES DIATOMACEOUS EARTH
FIRE-PROOF CEMENT
TELL ME HEAT STORAGE AND INSULATING MATERIALS
USED IN A STONE KILN


I'm going to drown you
MAYU-CHAN
OH, you two sure are getting along well, don't you?
AM I INTERRUPTING?
HE ALWAYS LOOK AT HER AS IF HE WANTS TO DEVOUR HER.
NO, IT ISN'T. OUR MADONNA, AYU-CHAN FOR EXAMPLE.
WELL, THAT MIGHT BE SO WITH MADONNA
IT SEEMS THERE ARE TEACHERS WHO CAN'T STAND GOOD STUDENTS
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, DIDN'T HE JUST LOOK AT ME LECHEROUSLY?
THAT'S YOUR IMAGINATION

COULD BE.
I TAKE IT THAT THEY COULDN'T GIVE HER THE ADDRESS OR THE PHONE NUMBER OF THIS PLACE
BUT I WANTED TO HEAR SOMETHING ABOUT THE OUTSIDE.
I WONDER
IF SHE'S FAIRLY HAPPY NOW
I HOPE SO
WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM NOBARA

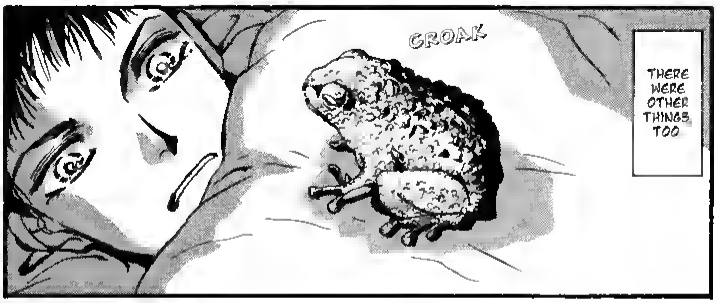
I WON'T TAKE OFF THE FRIEND-SHIP BRACE-LET!
EVERY-BODY, DO YOUR BEST.
YEAH!
LET'S SWEAR IT BY OUR FRIEND-SHIP BRACE-LETS!
WE'LL TAKE OVER NOBARA-CHAN'S PART!
OH, SORRY, RYO-KUN
YOU'RE NOISY, YOU CACKLING GEESE.
LOOK, ANGO.
THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN GOING OUT FOR A LITTLE WHILE NOW.
THOSE TWO?
RYO-KUN AND NIJIKO-SAN
NIJI-KO?!
I'VE HARDLY EVER SPOKEN TO HER.
NEITHER HAVE WE
I'M WITH HER IN THE SOIL CLASS,
BUT SHE'S ALWAYS BY HER-SELF.
IT'S KIND OF A SUR-PRISE.
THEY LOOK LIKE A PAIR OF LONE WOLVES, DON'T YOU THINK?
THEY'RE PRETTY COOL.

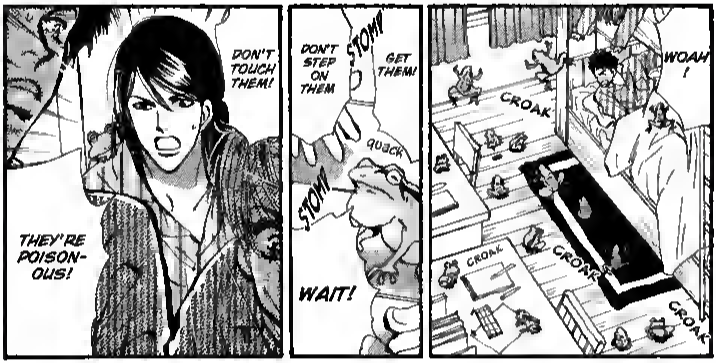
TEN MINUTES UNTIL CLASSES START
COME ON THEY'RE PLAYING THE "HUMORESQUE"
DON'T DOZE OFF!
WAH!
I WON'T WAKE YOU UP ANYMORE
WHAT?!
YOU'RE LATE SHIGERU
I've already been swimming
YAWN
MORNING
YOU DIDN'T WAKE ME UP
BUT ANGO,


HIYA!
KORURI!
GAH!
While I'm at it...
ANGO, QUESTION!
SHIGERU!
WHAT'S THE PRINCIPLE OF ARCHIMEDES' SCREW?
TELL ME FOUR CASTELLANUS CLOUDS WHICH PREDICT RAIN.
OPEN DRAINAGE WAYS, CLOSED DRAINAGE WAYS AND SIDEWAYS DRAIN DITCHES.
TELL ME THREE DRAINING METHODS
WHAT?

FOR SOME TIME NOW KANAME-SENPAI HAS BEEN BOMBARDING US WITH QUESTIONS AS SOON AS HE SEES US
If we can't answer right away it appears in our report
MAYU!
WHICH MINERAL IS EXTRACTED FROM RED SOIL?
DECAYED TREES, STUMPS AND NEEDLE-LEAF TREES ARE NO GOOD
THAT'S EASY
DRIFTWOOD AND BROAD-LEAF TREES
WHICH WOOD IS FIT FOR FIREWOOD AND WHICH ISN'T?
RYO!
GENGORO.
TELL ME THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE WHITE ANT WITH REGARD TO ITS ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES.

AND WE WERE ATTACKED OUT OF NOWHERE.
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET AWAY?
THAT'S UNFAIR, TAKASHI-SENSEI.
GO!
FROM HERE ON IT'S A FULL MARA-THON
GEE
WHAT?!
NO WAY!
WE HAD UNAN-NOUNCED TESTS EVERYDAY
OUR GENERAL CURRICULUM WAS PUT TO PRACTICAL PURPOSES, TOO
TO WORK OUT THE WIDTH OF A RIVER
YOU BUILD A TRIAN-GULAR FORM
THE SIDE AB IS AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO
WHAT'S WRONG, KORURI?
EEK!
Use of gas is also forbid-den
HOW MEAN !
THEN
Water supply is out of order Get water
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT
AND WE HAVE KITCHEN DUTY!
GAH!
TRY AND MAKE
A SOLID ONE
OUR BED IS BROKEN
WE'LL GET WATER FROM THE RIVER AND THE WELL.
LET'S USE THE FILTER WE MADE THE OTHER DAY.
ROGER!


CROAK
THERE WERE OTHER THINGS TOO

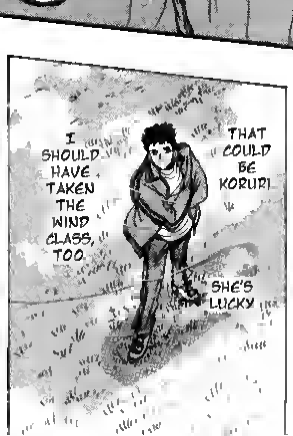

DON'T TOUCH THEM!
THEY'RE POISON-OUS!
DON'T STEP ON THEM
STOW!
GET THEM!
quack
STOW!
WAIT!
WOAH!
CROAK
CROAK
CROAK
CROAK

I WANT A GIRL-FRIEND, TOO.
phew
WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO RELAX
chuckle
GIVE THEM TO ME
NO
THEY'RE USED FOR BLOWPIPE ARROWS
They're deadly poisonous
SOME-THING LIKE THIS
chuckle
CROAK
CROAK

WAH!
Crash!

IF YOU WALK AROUND WHILE LOOKING UP,
YOU'RE GOING TO FALL INTO A FERTIL-IZER VAT

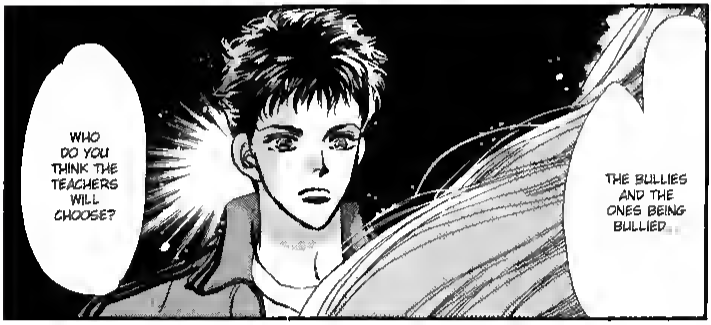
NOBARA WENT OUTSIDE
WHAT'S THE AIR LIKE THERE?


I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE WIND CLASS, TOO.
THAT COULD BE KORURI
SHE'S LUCKY

HEHE.
HOW PRETTY.
ISN'T IT?
BUT WE DON'T PLANT THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE PRETTY
THE LOTUS FLOWERS FERTILIZE THE SOIL.
NO — THE LOTUS FLOWERS ARE PRETTY.
BUT YOU ARE, TOO
JUST LIKE A MADONNA.

WHY?
BE-CAUSE I'M CUTE
AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE A BAD CHARAC-TER.
WE'VE NEVER BEEN IN THE SAME GROUP,
BUL-LIED?!
NO WAY!
WHY?
SO YOU WOULDN'T KNOW.
DON'T YOU SAY STUFF LIKE THAT, TOO.
I'LL BE BULLIED AGAIN IF YOU DO.
!
...THAT'S WHAT... THE OTHERS SAY
THEY'RE IDIOTS THAT DON'T REALIZE
ACTU-ALLY, THE REASONS FOR BULLYING PEOPLE
ARE ALL TO BE FOUND INSIDE THE HEARTS OF THE BULLIES.
THAT ALL THE PROB-LEMS
ARE INSIDE THEIR OWN HEART
THEY'RE ALL FOOLS

DID YOU TELL THE TEACHERS?
SHOULD I TELL THEM?
ARE YOU DUMBER THAN YOU LOOK, TOO?
THIS ISN'T A NORMAL SCHOOL
INTO THE WORLD
AFTER ALL THOSE IDIOTS HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT
I WANT TO GO INTO THE FUTURE SOON


WHO DO YOU THINK THE TEACHERS WILL CHOOSE?
THE BULLIES AND THE ONES BEING BULLIED

THE CHOOSING CRITERIA
DON'T DO ANYTHING NEEDLESSLY

YOUR FAVORITE
IS KIND OF LOSING HIS WAY.
HE STARTED LOOKING FOR A WAY TO ESCAPE.
HE ASKS PEOPLE'S OPINIONS WAY TOO SERIOUSLY.
THAT IS HIS GOOD POINT, TOO.
BUT HERE,
sfx whaak
IT IS A WEAKNESS.
AYU!
YOU WERE JUST TALKING TO ANGO-KUN, WEREN'T YOU?
YOU MAKE ADVANCES ON GENGORO TOO.
THAT'S ENOUGH!
sfx slam
YOU THINK YOU'RE CUTE, DON'T YOU?!
BITCH!
CLEAN UP!
YOU LIKE THE SMELL OF SHIT, DON'T YOU?!
DAM

THERE'S GOING TO BE A DECISIVE SHOOTING MATCH FOR THE FIRST PLACE!
AH, AYU-CHAN, WON'T YOU COME WATCH?
HEH! WHO AGAINST WHO?
STEP STEP
IF ONLY ...
THEY'D BE WIPED OUT SOON
PEOPLE WHO LAUGH ABOUT SHIT
Phew
WILL CRY ABOUT SHIT
OF COURSE
ANGO AGAINST RYO-KUN
AH, BRING AN UMBRELLA, OKAY?
UM-BRELLA?!
THE DECI-SIVE MATCH FOR THE FIRST PLACE
IS A SIMULA-TION OF A REAL FIGHT.
That's unex-pected.
I need to prepare myself
I don't mind
BE CARE-FUL NOT TO SHOOT EACH OTHER
Good luck!
GO
BEGIN!

BANG
CLACK
CLATTER
BANG
BANG
CLATTER
BANG
CLACK
BANG
BANG
CLACK
BANG
BANG
Do your best, Anna!
WOAH!
THEY'RE BOTH AMAZING!
THEY'RE EVEN
BANG
BANG

CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLACK
BANG
IT'S MINE
CLATTER
BANG
BANG
CLACK
BANG
the bang
CLATTER
HEY!
IT'S A PER-SON
RYO!!
BANG
CLACK
CLATTER

I MEAN THAT CHILD BEFORE!

HE HAD A KNIFE.

YOU SHOT PEOPLE!

HE HAD AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE

YOU SHOULD SHOOT EVERYTHING

I DON'T KNOW WHICH I SHOULD SHOOT AND WHICH NOT TO

CLAP CLAP

RYO IS THE WINNER

HOW WAS IT? IT'S HARDER THAN JUST SHOOTING AT TARGETS, ISN'T IT?

I'LL SHOOT ...

WITHOUT HESITATION.

YOU'D SHOOT SOMEONE BECAUSE THEY'RE ILL?

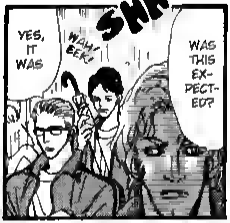
FOOL.

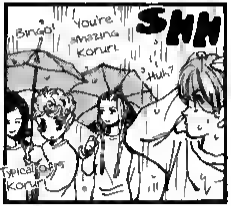
KEEP IN MIND THAT IT'S THE BARREN FUTURE

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
drip
RUMBLE

RUMBLE
WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE
DRASTIC MEA-SURES

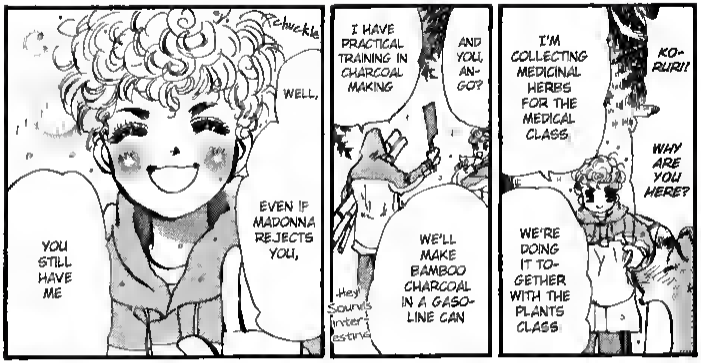
RUMBLE RUMBLE
IF ANGO
CAN'T MAKE A BREAK-THROUGH,


SHH
YES, IT WAS
WHISPERS
WAS THIS EX-PECTED?

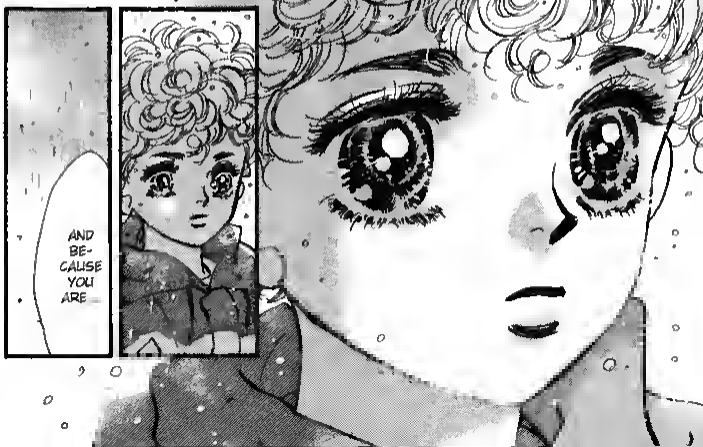

SHH
Bingo!
You're amazing Konuri
Huh?
Typical Boss Konuri

chuckle
Mr. Temporary Lead
IS THIS ANY TIME TO CHEER SOMEONE UP?
GRAB
GO PRACTICE SOME MORE, TOO
You were amazing, too
ANGO,
ANGO
CHEER UP
BE CARE-FUL
HOMOS WON'T BE CHOSEN.
I DON'T LEAN THAT WAY
SORRY
WHAT IS IT, NIJIKO?
YOU MESS WITH SHIGERU.
BUT HE ISN'T THE ONE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN, OR IS HE?
WELL, NEVER MIND. WILL YOU KEEP ME COMPANY TONIGHT?
I WON'T LET YOU GET ANY SLEEP, YOU KNOW
SURE
Eek! What's she think to say

I SHOULD HAVE SHOT THAT RABBIT, AFTER ALL
BUT PEOPLE? HOW COULD I?
OH
MA-DONNA, ABOUT LAST TIME...
DON'T TALK TO ME
I'LL GET IN TROU-BLE.
BE-CAUSE OF THAT
We don't go to war so we?
BUT WHAT IF RYO WINS?
chuckle
RE-JECTED


KO-RURI!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I'M COLLECTING MEDICINAL HERBS FOR THE MEDICAL CLASS.
WE'RE DOING IT TO-GETHER WITH THE PLANTS CLASS
AND YOU, AN-GO?
I HAVE PRACTICAL TRAINING IN CHARCOAL MAKING
WE'LL MAKE BAMBOO CHARCOAL IN A GASO-LINE CAN
Hey! Sound's interesting
Ehehehe
WELL,
EVEN IF MADONNA REJECTS YOU,
YOU STILL HAVE ME

YOU'RE A FRIEND


AND BE-CAUSE YOU ARE

I'LL PROTECT YOU...
IN THE FUTURE
WITH MY LIFE.
MAY-BE
EHE HE
Yay!
HEH!
Rustle
HEY, YOU TWO.
EEK!
UNAMI!
IS THIS ANY TIME TO FLIRT?
she grab
YOUR CHEST ...
IS SO...
FLAT!

AND YOU HAVEN'T HAD YOUR FIRST PERIOD YET, HAVE YOU?
LISTEN. NO MATTER HOW EX-CELLENT YOU ARE,
A WOMAN WHO CAN'T GIVE BIRTH TO CHIL-DREN...
WILL NEVER BE CHOSEN.
YOU BAS-TARD!

YOU JERRRK!
sfx. Clatter thud
THROW HIM INTO—
THE DISCI-PLIN-ARY CHAM-BER.
DID YOU SEE?!
DID YOU SEE HIM?!
Damn!
ANG-GO!
DON'T STOP ME, SENPAI!!
THROW HIM INTO THE RED CHAMBER.
BUT THE COMMON ONE WON'T BE ENOUGH

IT WAS THE SIGNAL FOR THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL
THE "HUMOR-ESQUE" SOUNDED FROM THE SPEAKERS.

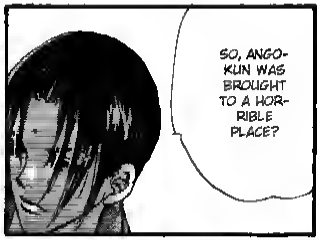
SPLOSH
!?
THIS IS A DEVICE WHERE BLOOD, BONES, BRAINS AND PART OF INNARDS
OF ANIMALS AND THE LIKE ARE GATHERED
WE CRUSH, MIX
AND MANUFACTURE IT INTO FERTILIZER.

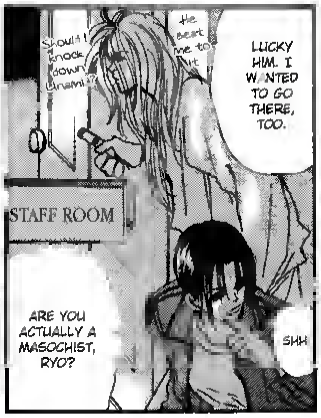
CLONK
CONSIDER YOUR ACTIONS
BRAINS?!
DROP
BLOOD
BONES

SOB
SOB
KORU-RI-CHAN.
KORU-RI-CHAN, PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETHER.
SOB
SOB
MAYU-CHAN,
WHAT CAN I DO TO GET MY FIRST PERIOD?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SOB
SOB
SOB
DO YOU THINK IT WILL START IF I GET INTIMATE WITH SOME-ONE...
OR SOME-THING?!
TELL ME, MAYU-CHAN!
SOB
KO-RU-RI!
GAGH

AND I TOLD YOU THAT IT WOULD START FOR YOU SOON, TOO...
THAT'S WHY YOU MUSN'T THINK ABOUT SILLY THINGS...
EVERY-BODY'S EITHER REALLY EARLY OR REALLY LATE.
I ONLY GOT IT A WHILE AGO MYSELF...
THERE ARE OTHERS WHO ARE STILL CHILDREN, TOO.
WE'VE TAKEN A LOT OF MEDICINES EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE...
THAT'S WHY WE'RE A LITTLE STRANGE
SOB
SOB
SOB
MAYU-CHAAN!
OKAY?
SOB
THAT'S WHY...
WE HAVE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR BODIES OUR-SELVES,
KORURI
REALLY EXPLAINS TO US ABOUT OUR BODIES
THERE AREN'T ANY FEMALE TEACHERS HERE
AND NO ONE...

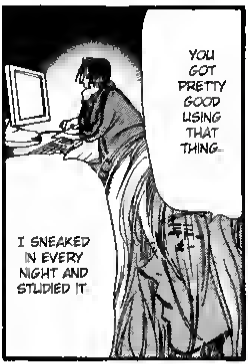
WELL THEN,
KEEP WATCH FOR ANY TEACHERS COMING.
OKAY.


SO, ANGO-KUN WAS BROUGHT TO A HOR-RIBLE PLACE?


He sent me to hell
Should I knock down them?
LUCKY HIM. I W..NTED TO GO THERE, TOO.
STAFF ROOM
ARE YOU ACTUALLY A MASOCHIST, RYO?
SHH

LOOK.
click
return

THEY DON'T THINK ABOUT SAFE-GUARDING IT AT ALL—
click
click
BECAUSE THEY THINK WE CAN'T USE IT
WELL, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW—
BUT I FOUND THIS, AT LAST.


YOU GOT PRETTY GOOD USING THAT THING—
I SNEAKED IN EVERY NIGHT AND STUDIED IT

7SEEDS PROJECT
SECRET
WHITE
BONES ?
RED
BLACK
UH
DROP
DROP
THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
SO IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
cough
cough
isn't it rather cold raising its here
IT'S BEEN QUITE SOME TIME SINCE THE SIGN FOR LIGHTS OUT SOUNDED.
IT'S SO DARK INSIDE HERE THAT I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING. SO IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
Well I feel numb
I GOT USED TO THE SMELL.
FLARE

NO-
BA
RA...!?

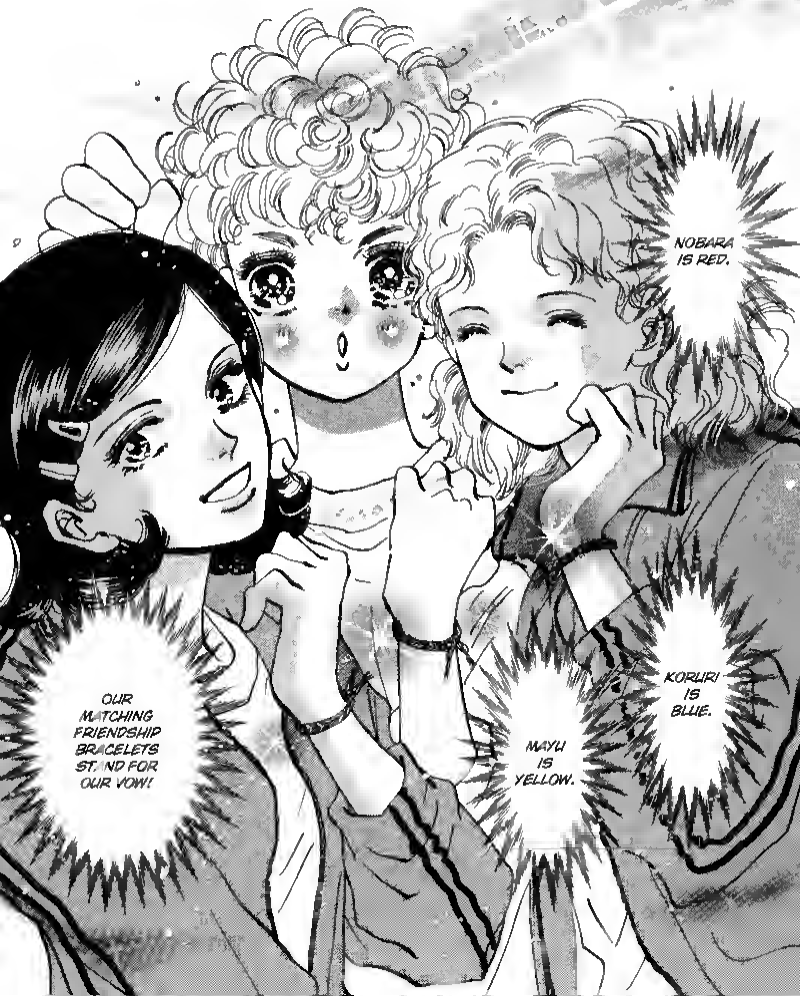
Meaning of the Character's Names

Bam:
Indian water hen

HAIL OF CORN

CHAPTER 4

[My Fatherland – The Moldau]



SSHH
NOBARA ...
IS RED
sfx: ash
ナアア...ナナ
NOBARA ...

NO-
BA-
RA...
SHOULD
HAVE GONE
TO THE
OUTSIDE
I TOLD
YOU THAT
YOU MUSTN'T
BITE YOUR
FINGER-
NAILS,
DIDN'T I?
DOES
IT
LOOK
RED...
EVERY-
BODY,
DO
YOUR
BEST!
I WON'T
TAKE
OFF THE
FRIEND-
SHIP
BRACE-
LET.
JUST
LOOK AT
YOUR
NAILS!
RE-
CAUSE
OF THE
LIGHT
?
OR BE-
CAUSE
OF THE
BLOOD?
NO-
BA-
RA...
IS
RED

NO-BARA ...
SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE OUTSIDE.
TO THE OUTSIDE...
WHICH WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.
NOBA ... RA?
TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE...
AND, LIVE RELATIVELY HAPPILY...
WHO'D LEFT BEFORE HER.
NOBA ... RA?

RE-
LA-
TI-
VE-
LY
...
NOBA-
RA ?
HAPPILY
AH!
UH...
AH!
NO!
SLIP

U WA AH!
AA AH!
AA AH!
AA AH!

UWA
AAAAA
AAAAA

sfx: ssh

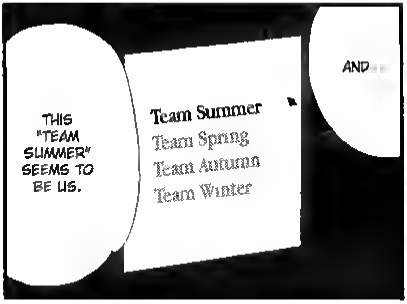
THIS "PROJECT 7SEEDS"—
7SEEDS PROJEC
SECRET
SEEMS TO BE US.

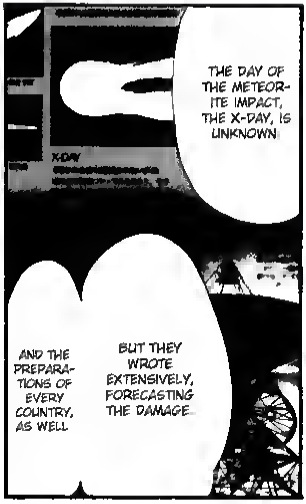
SSH
BLUBB
BLUBB
BLUBB

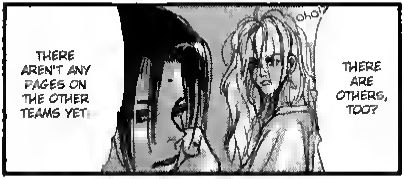
chuckle
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO THINK THIS WAY, I GUESS
THE STORY ABOUT OUR RUIN SEEMS TO BE TRUE
click
BUT

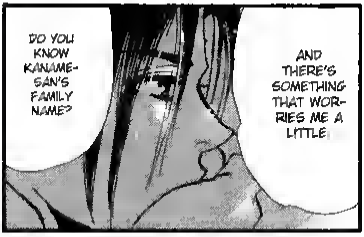
YEAH, I ALSO THOUGHT—
THAT THE THING ABOUT THE RUIN OF THE HUMAN RACE WAS A BIG LIE—
THAT THEY'D ACTUALLY SEND US TO WAR OR SOMETHING

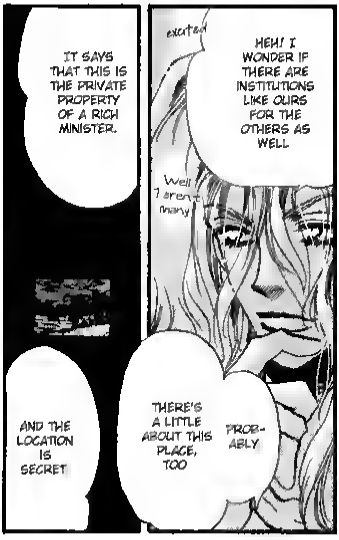
YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T BELIEVE
ANYTHING THE TEACHERS TOLD US.
click
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO RESEARCH.


THIS "TEAM SUMMER" SEEMS TO BE US.
Team Summer
Team Spring
Team Autumn
Team Winter
AND


THE DAY OF THE METEORITE IMPACT, THE X-DAY, IS UNKNOWN.
X-DAY
BUT THEY WROTE EXTENSIVELY, FORECASTING THE DAMAGE.
AND THE PREPARATIONS OF EVERY COUNTRY, AS WELL


THERE AREN'T ANY PAGES ON THE OTHER TEAMS YET.
oh-oh
THERE ARE OTHERS, TOO?


DO YOU KNOW KANAME-SAN'S FAMILY NAME?
AND THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WORRIES ME A LITTLE.


IT SAYS THAT THIS IS THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF A RICH MINISTER.
excited
HEH! I WONDER IF THERE ARE INSTITUTIONS LIKE OURS FOR THE OTHERS AS WELL.
Well I aren't many
THERE'S A LITTLE ABOUT THIS PLACE, TOO
PROBABLY
AND THE LOCATION IS SECRET.

HE DOESN'T APPEAR ANYWHERE,
EVEN THOUGH THE TEACHERS ARE MENTIONED.

click
KANAME IS HIS FAMILY NAME, ISN'T IT?
I THINK THAT'S HIS FIRST NAME.

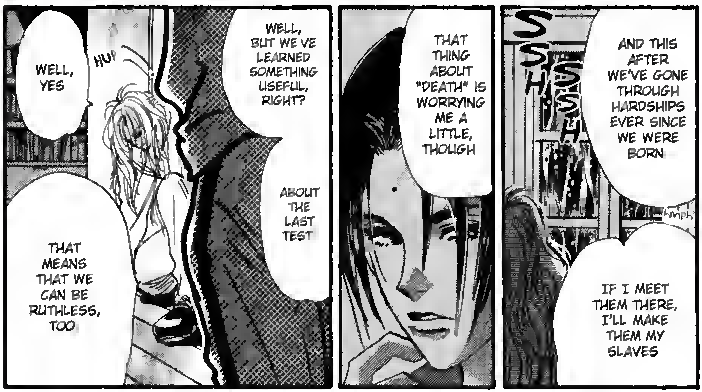
CLACK 6AM
PUT IT OUT
SOMEONE'S COMING
OR HE'S AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PERSON, RIGHT?
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES
EITHER HE'S SOMEONE TOTALLY UNIMPORTANT...
CLACK
SO...
THE OTHER TEAMS WILL BE CHOSEN FROM THE POPULATION, AFTER ALL?
I SUPPOSE SO.
BUT THERE'S STILL TIME BEFORE THAT
UNTIL JUST BEFORE X-DAY.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO CHOOSE ALL OF THEM FROM HERE?
click
NO, NO, TAKASHI-SENPAI.
You know that don't you?

whoo
I THINK
WE'LL HAVE TO PUT "DEATH" IN SOME-WHERE.
THERE'S THE FEAR THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE RAISED UNDER THE SAME CONDI-TIONS
COULD BE ALL EXTERMI-NATED BY ONE CAUSE
You think so?
BESIDES, IT WILL BE WELL BAL-ANCED...
WELL,
IN THAT CASE...
IF ONE OF THE GROUPS IS SUPERIOR.
I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT OPINION, THOUGH--
OH,
BUT MORE IMPOR-TANTLY
ABOUT THE LAST TEST.
ARE WE REALLY GOING TO CARRY IT OUT LIKE THAT?
YES, WE WILL.
WON'T THERE BE PEOPLE KILLED?
I GUESS THERE WILL BE.

WHAT IF THE SUPERIOR CANDI-DATES ARE KILLED?
THEN THEY WEREN'T SUPERIOR
VITAL-ITY
CAN BE TESTED, SENPAI.
WE WILL ONLY LET PEOPLE BOARD NOAK'S ARK.
SSHH
SSHH
WHO HAVE THE POWER TO SURVIVE.

SSHH
That was more sniffing than I'd expected
HMM,
KANAME-SAN SEEMS TO BE SOMEONE IN CHARGE WHO HAS OBJEC-TIONS
PHEW!
TO GET INFOMATION AND MAKE THE BEST USE OF IT
IS AN ABILITY, AS WELL
BAM
SOME-ONE WAS LISTEN-ING
don't mind though
It's their fault
THAT'S WHY YOU MADE ME SAY SO MUCH, ISN'T IT,
SENPAI?

THAT KIND OF PISSES ME OFF
HMPH
THEY'LL CHOOSE THE OTHER TEAMS FROM THE POPULATION?


WELL, YES
HU!
WELL, BUT WE'VE LEARNED SOMETHING USEFUL, RIGHT?
ABOUT THE LAST TEST
THAT MEANS THAT WE CAN BE RUTHLESS, TOO
THAT THING ABOUT "DEATH" IS WORRYING ME A LITTLE, THOUGH
SSHH
SSHH
AND THIS AFTER WE'VE GONE THROUGH HARDSHIPS EVER SINCE WE WERE BORN
Hmph
IF I MEET THEM THERE, I'LL MAKE THEM MY SLAVES

KNOWING THAT IT WILL BE A TEST WERE PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED...
IS A BIG ADVAN-TAGE...
OVER NOT KNOWING...

THE MONITORING CAMERAS AREN'T HERE FOR THE TEACHER'S ENTERTAIN-MENT.

I AM.
MERELY WATCHING THEM...

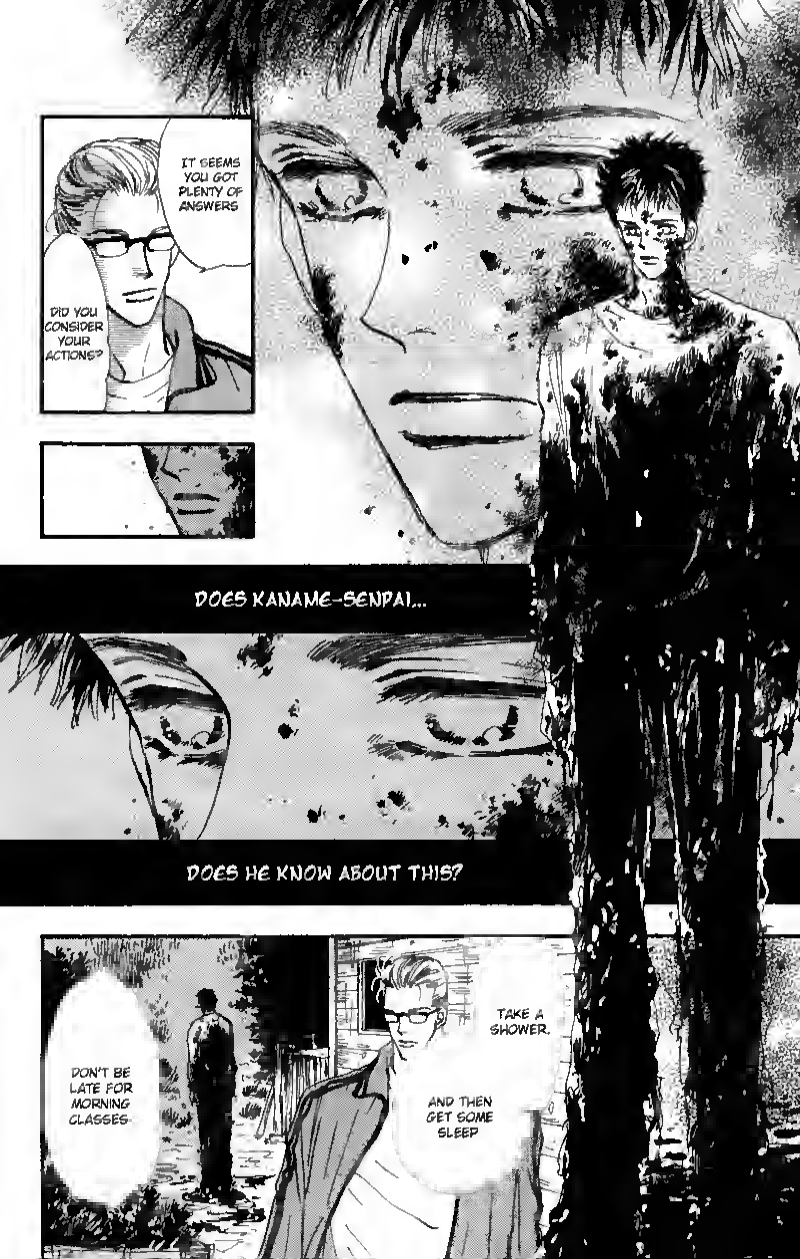
YOU KNOW, I THINK WE HAVE TO CHOOSE THE GIRLS WITH BIG BREASTS, AFTER ALL.
THE IMPOR-TANT THING IS THAT THEY FUNCTION SO THAT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT?

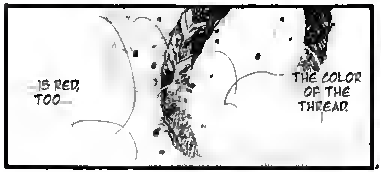
KORURI'S FLAT, AFTER ALL.
Is she a boy?
SHE'S CUTE, THOUGH
AND SHE'S INTELLIGENT AND QUICK-WITTED
And cheer-ful too
LINAMI-SENSEI

NONE OF THOSE.
BAM
SAY, KANAME-KUN.
WHICH ONE OF THEM WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
SINCE YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IS IT.
Madonna after all?
IT'S THE SAME AS A PEACOCK'S FAN, ISN'T IT?
IT'S A QUESTION OF SUPERIORITY.
HUH?
THE POWER TO ATTRACT THE OPPOSITE GENDER.

OH-O!
THAT'S AN UNEXPECTED ANSWER
NONE "OF THOSE".
I SEE

ANGO,
YOU CAN COME OUT
CLONK


IT SEEMS YOU GOT PLENTY OF ANSWERS
DID YOU CONSIDER YOUR ACTIONS?
DOES KANAME-SENPAI...
DOES HE KNOW ABOUT THIS?
TAKE A SHOWER.
AND THEN GET SOME SLEEP
DON'T BE LATE FOR MORNING CLASSES.

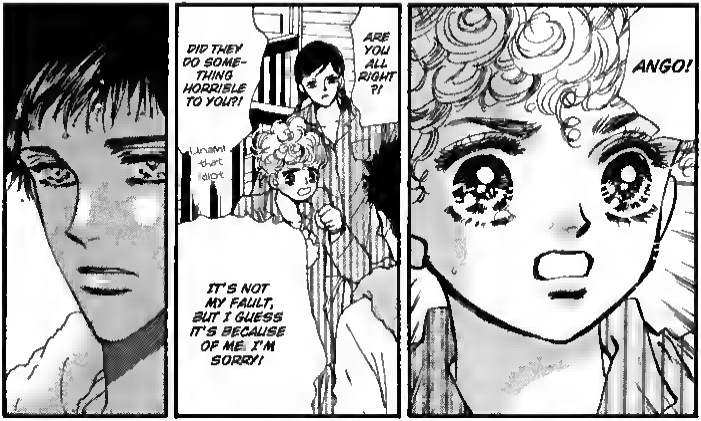

IS RED, TOO
THE COLOR OF THE THREAD

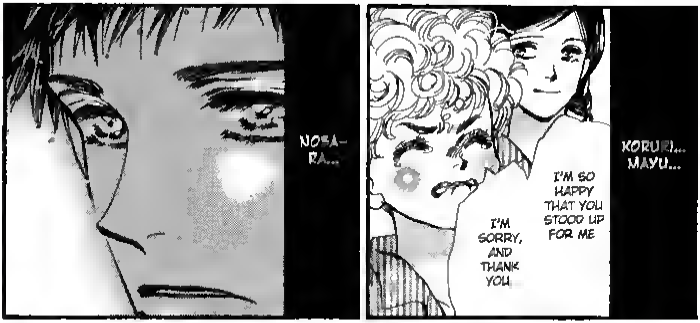
twist
twist
SSSH

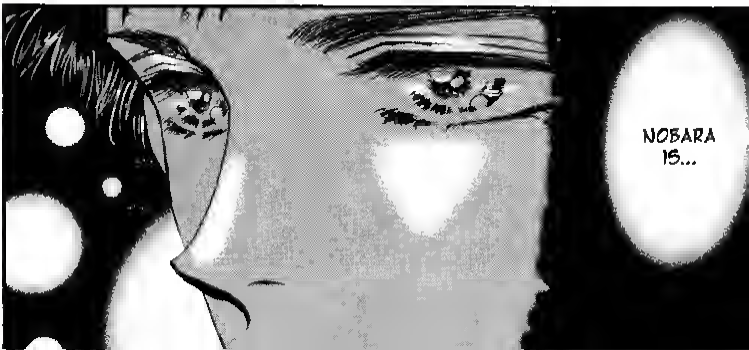
BAM BAM

BAM
BAM
BAM

BAM


DID THEY DO SOMETHING HORRIBLE TO YOU?!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
Unsh! Unsh! Unsh!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT, BUT I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE OF ME. I'M SORRY!
ANGO!


NOBA-RA...
KORURI... MAYU...
I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU STOOD UP FOR ME
I'M SORRY, AND THANK YOU.

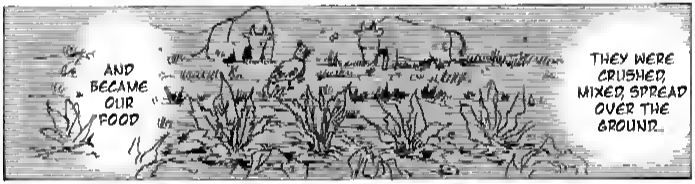

NOBARA IS...

I'M SLEEPY, BUT I WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL YOU CAME BACK...
ANGO, ANGO...
THERE'S STILL TIME UNTIL MORNING...
AND IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...
I CAN'T TELL THESE TWO...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ANGO?
YOU KIND OF STINK!
O—OKAY...
SO GO TO BED, YOU TWO...
IT WASN'T ANYTHING SERIOUS
DON'T WORRY
WHAM
ANGO...?
DON'T LOSE THE FIGHT FOR THE LEAD...
AND WORK HARD TO REMAIN AS ONE OF THE SEVEN, SHIGERU!!
DON'T BE LATE.
AND GET UP ON YOUR OWN.
GO TO BED.

STAY STILL.
DON'T MOVE!
AH, ANGO-KUN!
GEN-GORO
SOMEHOW WE'VE GOT LOADS OF POISONOUS ONES, AND TAKING CARE OF THEM IS A LOT OF WORK
THE POISONOUS SPIDERS ESCAPED
AH, I'M SORRY
I WANTED TO LET HIM RUN
AH, SORRY
PUFF
BEFORE EVERY-BODY WAKES UP
sfx: roar
OUR NO SMELL OF BLOOD

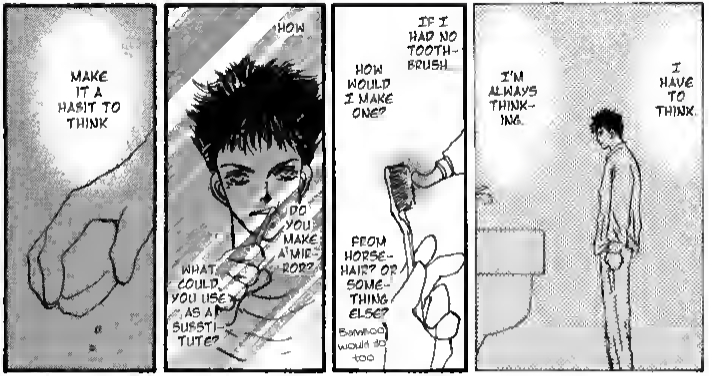
YOU CAN TOUCH HIM
SINCE IT'S CALMING TO TOUCH ANIMALS.
Take his tail
Well I don't mind
pat pat
pat
I cut his claws!
You kinda smell of blood after all
HE GOT BIG, DIDN'T HE?
HIS NAME IS TANGO.
purr
purr
HE'S STILL A CHILD INSIDE.
tousle
tousle

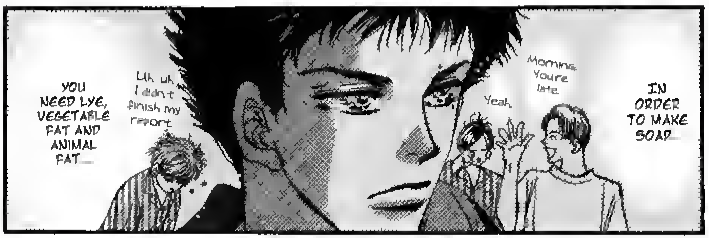
AND I'M SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO DROPPED OUT BEFORE...
DIDN'T GO TO THE OUTSIDE, EITHER
NOSARA DIDN'T GO TO THE OUTSIDE.

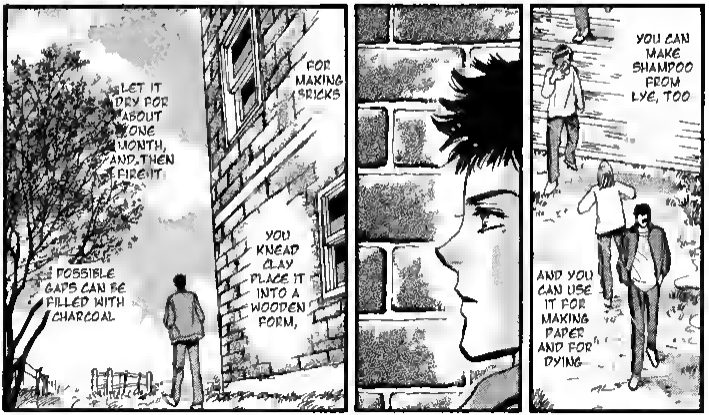

AND BECAME OUR FOOD
THEY WERE CRUSHED, MIXED, SPREAD OVER THE GROUND...

UNLESS WE REMAIN AS ONE OF THE SEVEN...
WE CAN'T GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE.
THERE IS NO OUTSIDE FOR US.

UNLESS WE REMAIN AS ONE OF THE SEVEN.
A RAIN-BOW IN THE MORN-ING
IT'S GOING TO RAIN AGAIN, I GUESS.
THE BEAR GOT BIG, TOO
BUT YOU CAN TOUCH HIM
I'D RATHER NOT
I'm standing here!
ROAR
This flame is Aoga
I SEE THE WORLD AROUND ME...
IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT NOW THAN I HAD BEFORE.


MAKE IT A HABIT TO THINK
HOW
DO YOU MAKE A MIR-ROR?
WHAT COULD YOU USE AS A SUBSTI-TUTE?
IF I HAD NO TOOTH-BRUSH
HOW WOULD I MAKE ONE?
FROM HORSE-HAIR? OR SOME-THING ELSE?
Bamboo would do too
I'M ALWAYS THINK-ING.
I HAVE TO THINK.


YOU NEED LYE, VEGETABLE FAT AND ANIMAL FAT—
Uh, uh, I didn't finish my report
Yeah.
Morning. You're late
IN ORDER TO MAKE SOAP—


LET IT DRY FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, AND THEN FIRE IT
FOR MAKING BRICKS
YOU KNEAD CLAY PLACE IT INTO A WOODEN FORM,
POSSIBLE GAPS CAN BE FILLED WITH CHARCOAL
YOU CAN MAKE SHAMPOO FROM LYE, TOO
AND YOU CAN USE IT FOR MAKING PAPER AND FOR DYING

THAT'S WHAT I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT, TOO.
I'LL WRITE A REPORT.
splish
WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?
THIS PLACE IS ILL-DRAINED.
WHY IS THAT?
ANGO,
THINK ABOUT A WAY TO DRAIN SLANTING GROUND
DON'T GET SO SERIOUS, ANGO.
HE LOOKED LIKE SOMETHING GOOD JUST HAPPENED.

To make clean water form sea water...

In order to make fishing tackle and the like of nails or spikes...

For felling a big tree...

In order to make a log...

The four basic principles of self defence are: prevention, hardening of problems...

An easy and efficient way to build a house...

...and then you build a wall...

...reduce clay to small pieces, mix it and knead it properly...

Environmental cleaning...

In comparison, synthetic fibre ropes beat natural fibre ropes in matters of stability water-resistant qualities and light ness but they re weak against friction heat ultraviolet radiation and their elasticity coeffi cient is larger...

First, you memorize ten types of clouds...

Curing covers processing in the crude state, pickling with salt, desalination, air drying and curing with ardin...

Based on the type of clouds, you can tell the time until it will start raining.

I NEED TO BE VERY OBSERVANT.

...the use of solar energy...

...nd if you g a hole there, there's a ossibility hat you can find clean water...

Aloe and mugwort work on cuts.

The difference between black charcoal and "white charcoal" or waterpower...

...from its fibres you spin threadic wool...

The attack points of an elbow...

The north of a compass isn't the real north since the influence of the magnetic fields...

For artificial respiration...

Fish farming...

The danger signal "SOS"...

...difference between fermenting and spoiling is...

In order to build a raft, you build a platform first, and then you build the raft on top of it.

There are three different causes for the occurrence of updrafts: heat-storms, frontal thunderstorms and tornados...

Percussion tools and grinding tools...

In order to get water in the desert, the water which evaporates from the ground can be...

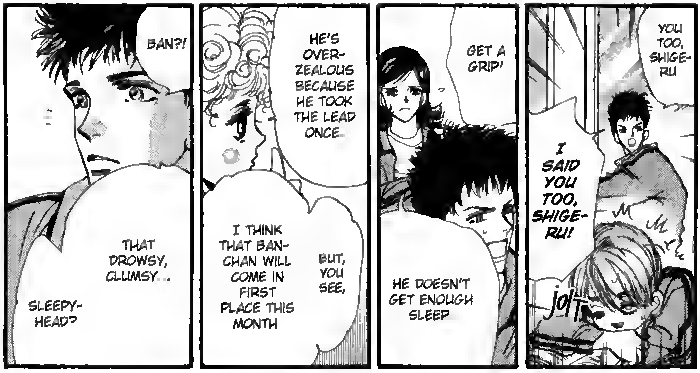
sfx: grab

THE ENTRANCE OF THIS TENT POINTS TO THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND.
THE DIAGONAL SHOULD BE PARALLEL TO THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND.
THERE WILL BE A FLASH FLOOD HERE IF IT RAINS.
AND IF THERE'S A THUNDER-STORM, YOU'LL BE A DIRECT TARGET.
THIS IS EDIBLE.
YOU REMOVE HARSHNESS FROM THIS WITH ASH.
EACH OF YOU, THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHERE TO PUT UP YOUR TENT.
Yes!
A SPOT FOR A FIREPLACE AND A TOILET, TOO.

sfx: splash

sfx: splash

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN AVOIDING US LATELY?
HUH?
WELL, THAT IS...
KORURI IS WORRIED...
THE THING...
SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE OTHER DAY HAS STARTED
SO GO AND CONGRATULATE HER.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, BUT CONGRATULATIONS
EEK!
MAYU, YOU SHOULDN'T TELL!
KYA HA HA
WHAT?
WHAT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT?
MAYU,
KORURI,
LET'S GO TOGETHER, OKAY?
HAHA
HAHA
KYA HAHA HAHA


BAN?!
THAT DROWSY, CLUMSY...
SLEEPY-HEAD?
HE'S OVER-ZEALOUS BECAUSE HE TOOK THE LEAD ONCE.
I THINK THAT BAN-CHAN WILL COME IN FIRST PLACE THIS MONTH
BUT, YOU SEE,
GET A GRIP!
HE DOESN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP
YOU TOO, SHIGE-RU
I SAID YOU TOO, SHIGE-RU!
JOLT

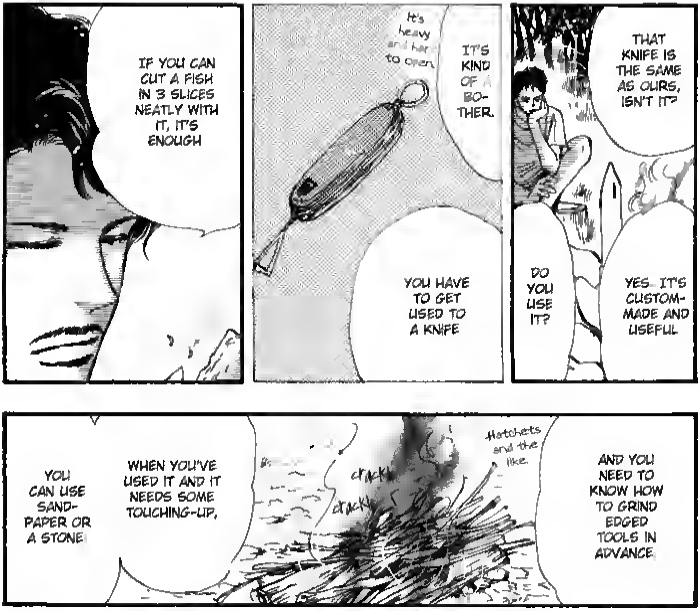
WE'RE TOGETHER IN THE SAUCER EYES CLUB.
I was in second place several times but never on top.
HE'S THE BEST IN THE MEDICAL CLASS.

DASH
HELLO.
HUH?
NO, THANK YOU!
RYO-KUN, YOU CAN JOIN.
I CAN'T JOIN EITHER.
How am I saucer-eyed?
SAU-CER EYES?
YOU CAN'T JOIN, ANGO
You're as poopy as usual!
LATER!
AH, MORN-ING BAN-CHAN

slug
slug
A
slug
slug
G
D
slug
slug
SALT
There isn't any
I guess
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN USE THIS
AH
shmffle
shmffle
shmffle
shmffle
= dotter
BOW
THANK YOU
AH.
BANG
I WON'T LOSE.
CLICK
BANG
CLICK
THE LEAD CHANGED PERMANENTLY
munch
munch
munch
munch
THEY SAY THAT HE TAKES TO IT LIKE A DUCK TO WATER.
Is that true?
What do they do there?
HE'S THE BEST OF THE MEDICAL CLASS?!

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
ANGO
sfx fwsh
I WON'T LOSE.

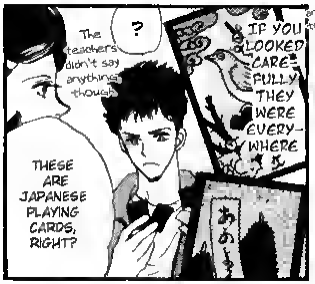
GRAB
TAKASHI-SENSEI!
You don't have rope either.
IT'S DANGER-OUS ON YOUR OWN.
I'VE CLIMBED EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE, SO IT'S ALL RIGHT.
THIS IS MY FOUNDA-TION.
I CLIMB IT WHEN I WANT TO CONCEN-TRATE.
SO PLEASE DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME
I SEE


IF YOU CAN CUT A FISH IN 3 SLICES NEATLY WITH IT, IT'S ENOUGH
It's heavy and hard to open.
IT'S KIND OF A BOTHER.
YOU HAVE TO GET USED TO A KNIFE
THAT KNIFE IS THE SAME AS OURS, ISN'T IT?
DO YOU USE IT?
YES. IT'S CUSTOM-MADE AND USEFUL
YOU CAN USE SAND-PAPER OR A STONE
WHEN YOU'VE USED IT AND IT NEEDS SOME TOUCHING-UP,
crack
crack
Hatchets and the like.
AND YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW TO GRIND EDGED TOOLS IN ADVANCE
TAKA-SHI-SENSEI,
DO YOU WANT TO GO?
YOU CAN'T TELL
WOW
UNTIL YOU GO THERE
DO YOU THINK THAT THE THINGS WHICH WE LEARN HERE
SEN-SEI,
WILL BE OF USE IN THE FUTURE?

HOW NICE... LUCKY YOU!
AND WE'RE HAVING A BABY NEXT YEAR.
scratch
HEH...
I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M A NEW-LYWED...
I WON'T GO
IT WAS A STUDENT'S WEDDING, YOU SEE
ANGO,
THE LAST TEST...
IS ALL ABOUT THE POWER OF AT-TENTION
THE POWER OF AT-TEN-TION...
THE POWER OF AT-TEN-TION
A BEAST
I KNOW THAT...
OF COURSE IT IS...
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU CARVING?

I WONDER IF TAKASHI-SENSEI LOST IT...

WHAT'S THIS?

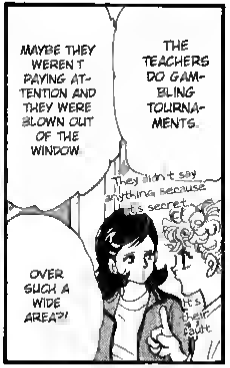

THESE ARE JAPANESE PLAYING CARDS, RIGHT?
?
The teachers didn't say anything though.
IF YOU LOOKED CAREFULLY THEY WERE EVERY-WHERE

IT SEEMS THAT EVERY-BODY FOUND SOME.
Mine were in front of the tiger's cage.
MINE WERE AT THE LIBRARY
AND THE DINING HALL

I FOUND ONE, TOO
Is this an ins-

I WANT-ED...
TO KEEP IT ON MY MIND FOR NOW.

YOU COULD THINK THAT IT WAS UN-IMPORT-ANT.
BUT...

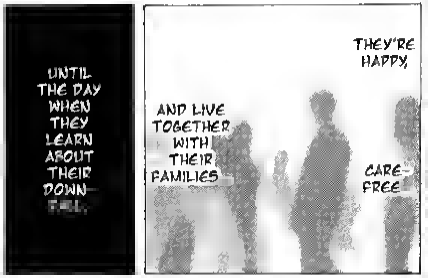

MAYBE THEY WEREN'T PAYING AT-TENTION AND THEY WERE BLOWN OUT OF THE WINDOW.
THE TEACHERS DO GAM-BLING TOURNA-MENTS.
They didn't say anything because it's secret!
OVER SUCH A WIDE AREA?!
It's their fault.

SSHH
THE WATER CLASS AND THE WIND CLASS...
HAD PRACTICAL TRAINING ON A SHIP TOGETHER...
SSHH
I...
FOOL! IF YOU CAN'T DO THIS,
CAN'T DO THIS... LET ME GET OFF!
YOU'LL DROP OUT!
SHI-GERU.
WHY AREN'T YOU AT YOUR POST?
Hech Hech
CREAK
SSH
OUR ONLY POWER IS THE WIND!
LEARN HOW TO HANDLE THE SAILS!

YOU HAVE TO!
IF YOU DROP OUT...
HOLD OUT!
DO YOUR BEST!
YOU HAVE TO.
YOU WILL DIE!
IT'S...
NO...
IMPOS-SIBLE...
I'VE HAD IT...
SHIGE-RU!
SEN-SEI,
SHIGE-RU IS JUST SEA-SICK.
HE'LL GET USED TO IT SOON!
RIGHT! SHIGE-RU!
OF HUMANITY WILL BE ELIMINATED ...
ALL...
THAT'S RIGHT.

IF I CAN'T REMAIN IF I CAN'T DO THAT ...
I THINK THAT IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE FOR ME.
THEN ...
ANGO,
YOU SHOOT HUMAN TARGETS, RIGHT?
WILL YOU SHOOT PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE?

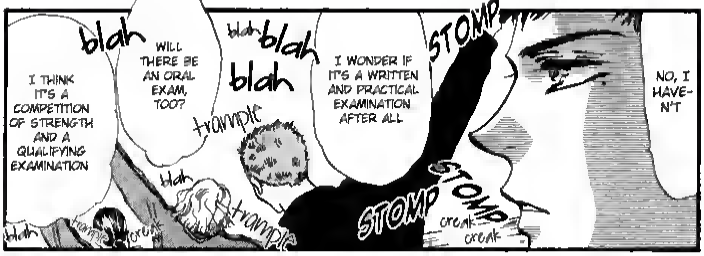
*Symphonic poem by the Czech composer Bedřich Smetana between 1874 and 1879

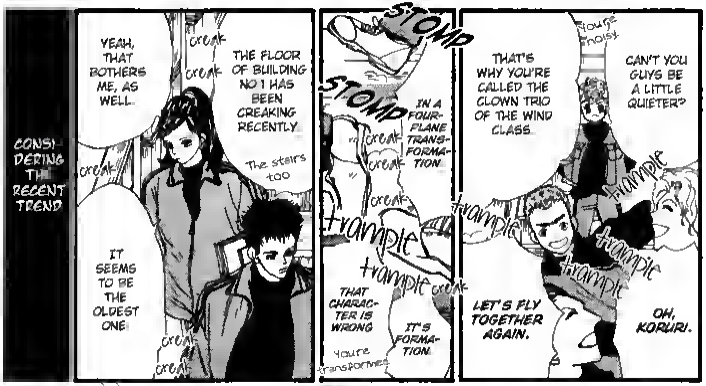


AND THE LAST TEST WAS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.

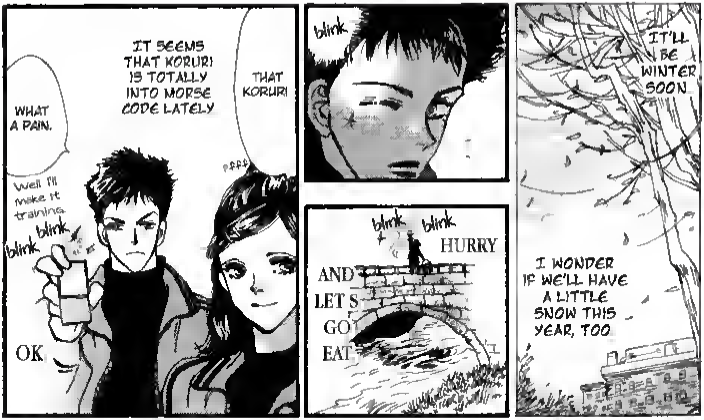
WE TURNED IT...

HAIL OF CORN
CHAPTER 5
[Song of Farewell]

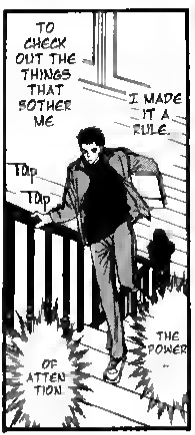

I THINK IT'S A COMPETITION OF STRENGTH AND A QUALIFYING EXAMINATION
blah
WILL THERE BE AN ORAL EXAM, TOO?
blah blah blah
I WONDER IF IT'S A WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL EXAMINATION AFTER ALL
STOMP
NO, I HAVE-N'T
trample
creak
STOMP STOMP


CONSI-DERING THE RECENT TREND
YEAH, THAT BOTHERS ME, AS WELL.
THE FLOOR OF BUILDING NO.1 HAS BEEN CREAKING RECENTLY.
The stairs too
IT SEEMS TO BE THE OLDEST ONE
creak
STOMP
IN A FOUR-PLANE TRANS-FORMA-TION
trample
THAT CHARAC-TER IS WRONG
IT'S FORMA-TION.
You're transformer
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE CALLED THE CLOWN TRIO OF THE WIND CLASS.
LET'S FLY TOGETHER AGAIN.
CAN'T YOU GUYS BE A LITTLE QUIETER?
OH, KORURI.

"WELL, THE LAST TEST WILL START TODAY"
IT'S COLD
I'M SURE THEY'LL SUDDENLY SAY, ONE DAY,
I DON'T THINK THAT THEY'LL TELL US IN AD-VANCE..
WHEN THE LAST TEST WILL TAKE PLACE.

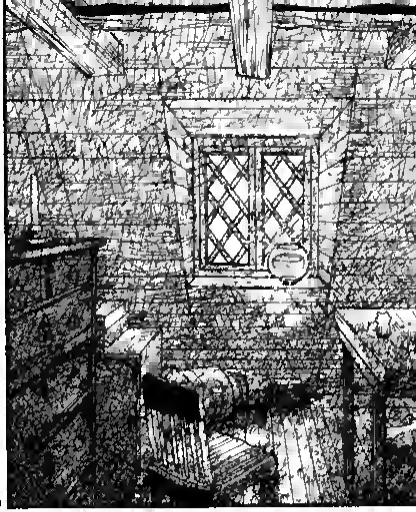

IT SEEMS THAT KORURI IS TOTALLY INTO MORSE CODE LATELY
THAT KORURI
WHAT A PAIN.
Well I'll make it training
blink
blink
OK
blink
blink
blink
HURRY
AND LET'S GO EAT
IT'LL BE WINTER SOON
I WONDER IF WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE SNOW THIS YEAR, TOO

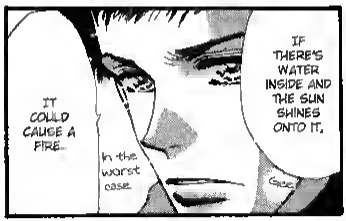
blink


TO CHECK OUT THE THINGS THAT BOTHER ME
I MADE IT A RULE.
TDp
TDp
THE POWER OF ATTENTION

When there were more of us they were bed-rooms.
THE LOFTS ABOVE THERE ARE ALL STORE-ROOMS
I'LL GO HAVE A LOOK.
I don't know if they're used
DID SOME-THING TWINKLE OVER THERE?
MORSE CODE?
NO, IT WAS DIFFER-ENT...
THERE ARE STOREROOMS OVER THERE NOW, I GUESS

I MEAN,
HEY...
A GOLDFISH BOWL?
WHAT'S THIS...?
A GLASS VASE?

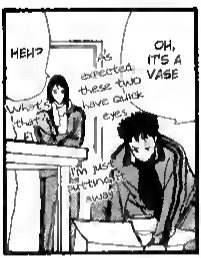



IF THERE'S WATER INSIDE AND THE SUN SHINES ONTO IT,
IT COULD CAUSE A FIRE...
In the worst case...
Cause

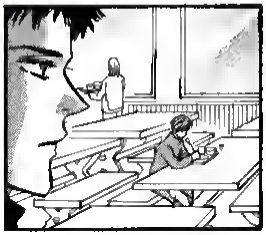
STEP STEP
AH,
ANGO-KUN
OH
DID SOME-THING JUST SPARKLE HERE?

AH, THAT'S RIGHT
THERE WAS ONE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE STABLES... TOO

?
WHY IS IT HERE?
THIS CAT
IS THE ONE TAKASHI-SENSEI WAS CARVING THE OTHER DAY


HEH?
OH, IT'S A VASE
What's that?
I'm just nothing, really
I expected these two have quick eyes...

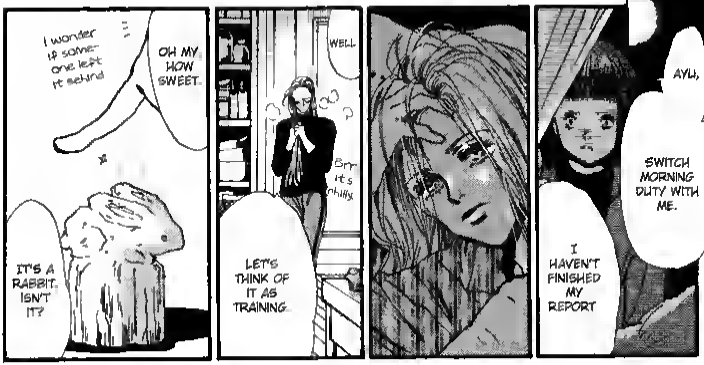
clang
HUP
THE MISO SOUP IS READY
IT WAS A WOODEN OX.
IT LOOKS LIKE CARVING IS A GOOD WAY TO GET SKILFUL WITH A KNIFE.
TAKASHI-SENSEI HAS A CUTE HOBBY
OH, MADONNA, IS IT YOUR TURN?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME THAT
WEREN'T YOU JUST ON DUTY A FEW DAYS AGO, TOO?
THE GIRLS THAT BULLY ME ASSIGN ME TO WORK MORE OFTEN AS WELL
HEY, DO THEY STILL DO THAT?
AH,
ARE HAVING A BARBECUE AGAIN.
RYO-KUN AND NIJIKO-SAN..
PFFT
BAR-BE-CUE?!
IT'S A SECRET

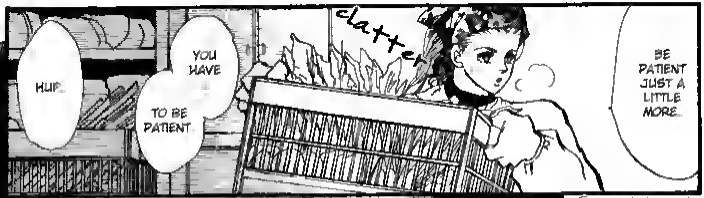


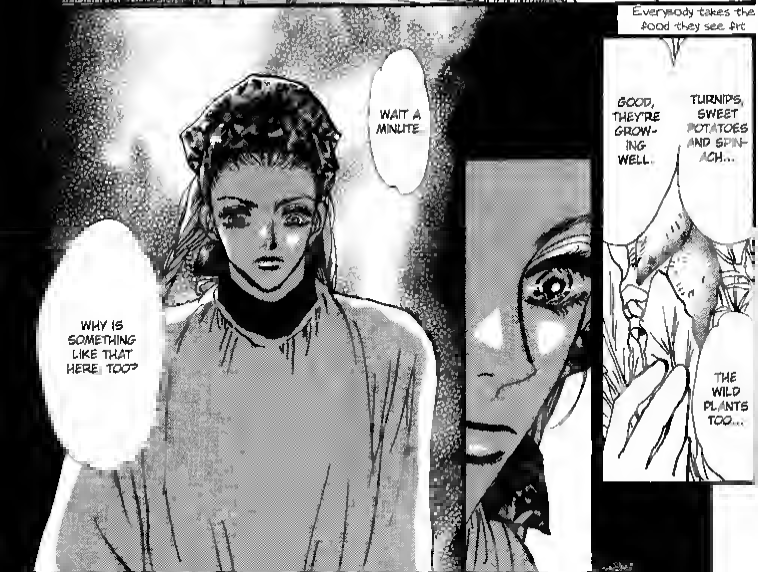
I THOUGHT I HADN'T SEEN THEM IN THE DINING HALL RECENTLY,
AND HERE THEY ARE HOLED UP IN THEIR OWN WORLD
They eat together and sleep together as well.
NO WAY...

HE'S BEEN COLD AND DISTANT EVER SINCE THAT PRACTICAL TRAINING ON THE SHIP
EVEN MORE SO SINCE HE'S CHANGED ROOMS.
You can't move into a single room when you come in on top.

ALL I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IS STAYING ALIVE, MYSELF


I wonder if someone left it behind
OH MY, HOW SWEET.
IT'S A RABBIT, ISN'T IT?
WELL
Brr it's chilly
LET'S THINK OF IT AS TRAINING
AYU,
SWITCH MORNING DUTY WITH ME.
I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY REPORT

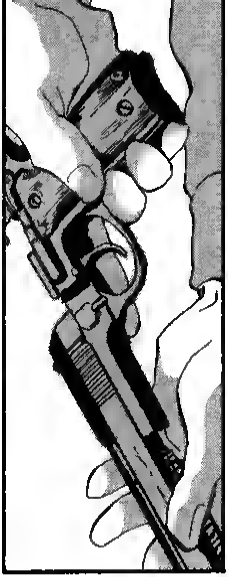

clatter
HUH...
YOU HAVE TO BE PATIENT
BE PATIENT JUST A LITTLE MORE...


Everybody takes the food they see fit
WAIT A MINUTE...
WHY IS SOMETHING LIKE THAT HERE, TOO?
GOOD, THEY'RE GROWING WELL.
TURNIPS, SWEET POTATOES AND SPINACH...
THE WILD PLANTS TOO...

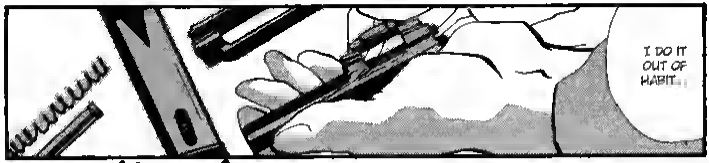
OLIVE GREEN STONE CRABS,
BLUE-RINGED OCTOPUSES,
VARIETIES OF SEA SNAKES
POISONOUS SNAKES
Cobras, rattlesnakes, vipers and cobras
POISONOUS LIZARDS,
POISONOUS FROGS
Various kinds
POISONOUS SPIDERS
SCORPIONS
AND A LOT OF OTHERS
Insects and shells too
THEY GATHERED QUITE A LOT OF POISONOUS ONES HERE
WE EVEN HAVE THESE, TO BOOT
It's a lot of work to take care of them
WHAT DO WE HAVE THEM FOR?
PIRANHAS
I THINK THAT THOSE WHICH AREN'T NATIVE TO JAPAN ,,
WON'T BE THERE IN THE FUTURE, EITHER
GENGORO
DON'T THINK THAT THERE WILL BE THE SAME ANIMALS THERE
YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING
Yes sir
GENGORO FEED TANGO FOR ME
HE GETS ANGRY IF IT ISN'T YOU
SURE!
AND
WE HAVE FEROCIOUS ANIMALS.
squeeze
How are you?

ANGO
YOU ALSO DISMANTLE AND SERVICE IT BEFORE YOU SHOOT, DON'T YOU?
No matter if I
Is that okay?

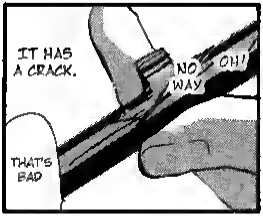
OH RYO
You came all the way here
AREN'T YOU GOING TO SHOOT?
I'LL SKIP IT TODAY



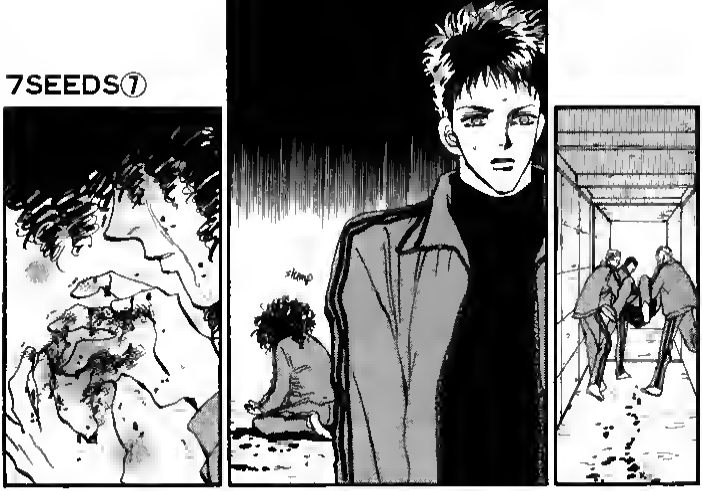
WELL, THAT'S TRUE
HE'S ALWAYS HERE WHEN IT'S TIME FOR CLEAN UP, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER.


I DO IT OUT OF HABIT...

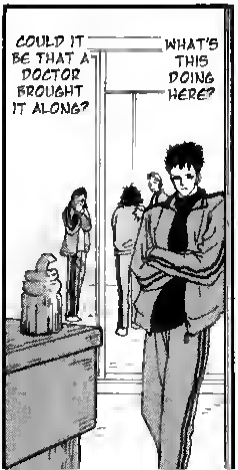
sfx BOOM
HEY, GUYS
YOU SHOULD CHECK THE BARRELS.
AAH!

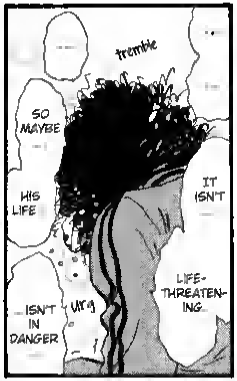

IT HAS A CRACK.
NO WAY
OH!
THAT'S BAD

WA
AH!
WA
AH!
NOBARA.
PIECES OF FLESH
BLOOD
CALM DOWN.
I'LL STOP THE BLEEDING.
ARGH!
SEN-SEI!
HURRY!
BRING HIM TO THE HOSPITAL!
AA
AH!

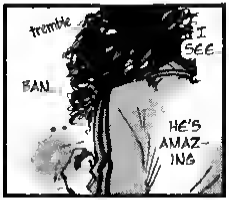

slump

COULDN'T MOVE...
I...
phew


COULD IT BE THAT A DOCTOR BROUGHT IT ALONG?
WHAT'S THIS DOING HERE?


tremble
SO MAYBE
HIS LIFE
ISN'T IN DANGER
IT ISN'T
LIFE-THREATEN-ING
ufu

THE OTHER GUYS...
FROM THE MEDICAL CLASS, TOO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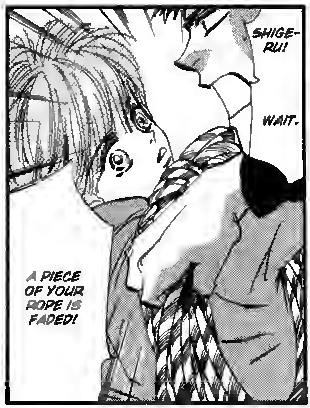
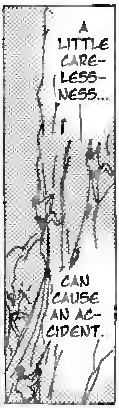
I SEE
EAN
HE'S AMAZ-ING

I'M SURE THAT GUY WILL NEVER COME BACK.


SHIGE-RU!
WAIT.
A PIECE OF YOUR ROPE IS FADED!

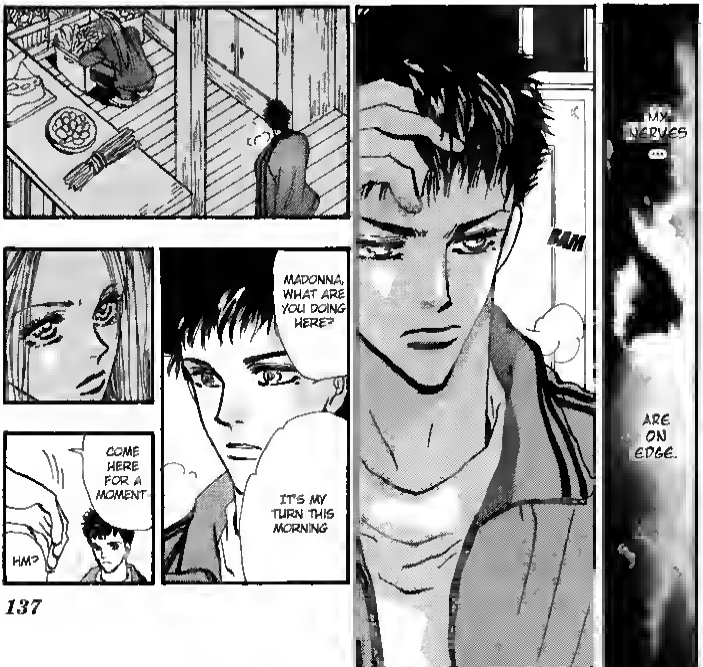
THE ROPE
ARE EXPOSED TO HUMIDITY AND ULTRAVIOLET RAYS.
BE CAREFUL....
thorough check
Okay, let's go.
?


A LITTLE CARELESSNESS...
CAN CAUSE AN ACCIDENT.

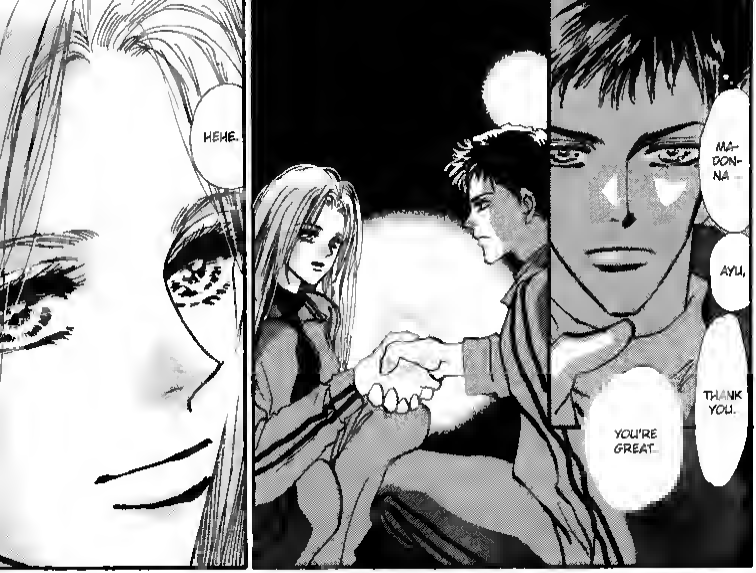
I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
check check
Ryo is still in a coma!
whatever

the Walk
SOME-ONE FELL DOWN!
HE FELL.

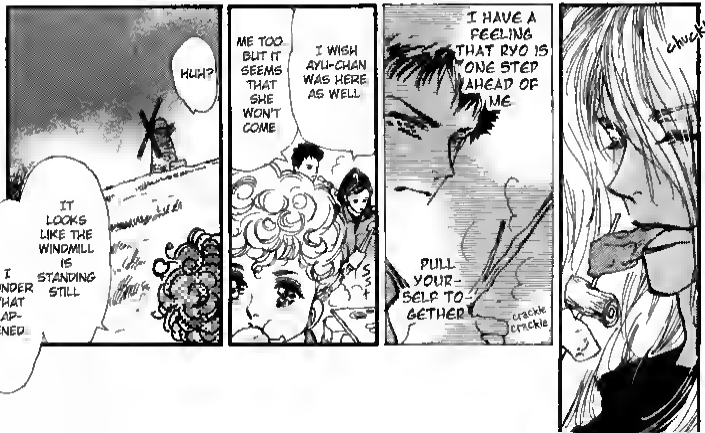
EVERY-BODY DOES IT...
I'M SURE THEY'RE ALWAYS CHECKED!
BUT STILL, ACCIDENTS HAPPEN...
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
THE ROPE WAS CUT!
No way!
Hurry and carry him! Everybody else be careful, too!
HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT IT WAS DE-FECTIVE!
FW...
I... I NOTICED THAT MYSELF, TOO.


BAM
MY NERVES ...
ARE ON EDGE.
MADONNA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IT'S MY TURN THIS MORNING
COME HERE FOR A MOMENT
HM?

I FOUND WOLFBANE AND PHEASANT'S EYE IN THERE TOO.
IT GROWS EVERYWHERE SO SOMEONE CARELESS WOULD PICK IT.
YOU MEAN IT WAS IN THE FOOD? IT'S DEADLY, ISN'T IT?!
WATER HEMLOCK?
BUT DOES EVERYBODY KNOW?
EXACTLY
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?
ONCE IN A WHILE, THERE'S SOMETHING THERE
I'VE CHECKED IT EVERY MORNING SINCE THEN
I DISCOVERED IT THE DAY THEY FORCED THEIR DUTY ON ME
That's why I couldn't tell anybody.
(so serious mushrooms too)
THE BARBECUE.
I SEE. THAT RYO...
IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO PICK AND PREPARE THE THINGS YOU EAT YOURSELF
TO NOT BECOME A VICTIM OF THE FOOLS


HEHE.
MA-DON-NA
AYU,
THANK YOU.
YOU'RE GREAT.

YAHOO! BARBECUE!
SORRY TO DIS-TURB YOU


HUH?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE WINDMILL IS STANDING STILL
I WONDER WHAT HAP-PENED
I WISH AYU-CHAN WAS HERE AS WELL
ME TOO BUT IT SEEMS THAT SHE WON'T COME
I HAVE A FEELING THAT RYO IS ONE STEP AHEAD OF ME
PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETHER
crackle crackle
chuckle

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE WIND CLASS...
HAVE UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING TO FIX THE WINDMILL!
YES, YES. US!
US THREE CLOWNS AND KORURI WILL DO IT.
WHAT? I DON'T WANT TO.
IT'S FREEZING COLD OVER THERE AT NIGHT!
LET'S MEET AFTER DINNER!
YEAH!
THAT WILL GET US EXTRA POINTS!
GOOD LUCK KORURI
I'll be working on my report until morning.
This is Komisie Mayu-chan
IT CAN'T BE HELPED I'LL SIGNAL YOU, SO KEEP WATCH
already over it
AGAIN?
I'll take flash-shots of me!
Chill
KORURI,
BE... CAREFUL.
SURE.
WAH! IT STARTED RAINING.
I THOUGHT SO.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE, KORURI.
IT'S COLD!

THE RAIN'S COMING IN, SO CLOSE THE WINDOW
BAM
ALL RIGHT, LET'S FIX IT.
IT'S CLEAR HERE
HERE TOO.
ONLY ONE GEAR WHEEL HAD JUMPED OUT.
WHAT, THERE'S A FIRE IN HERE
It's warm
WAS THAT KANAME-SAN? HOW THOUGHT-FUL.
OH AND SNACKS TOO
BAM
HUH?
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO EAT AND DRINK.
An all-you-can-eat buffet
WE'RE TOP-CLASS!
It's true
WHAT, THAT WAS EASY.
clat ter
IT'S MOVING.
WHAT DOES IT MATTER TO YOU? YOU'RE IN THE SAUCER EYES CLUB
WHY'D YOU GET IN THE WAY?
IS IT ANGO AFTER ALL?
ALL RIGHT, I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT.
WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
UIRG!
THE SCOOP WHEEL IS MOVING, TOO.
I like it.
clat ter
clat ter
My pocket was washed away the other day.
YOU'D BE WASHED INTO THE RIVER.
DON'T FALL INTO THE OPENING KORUR!
Here

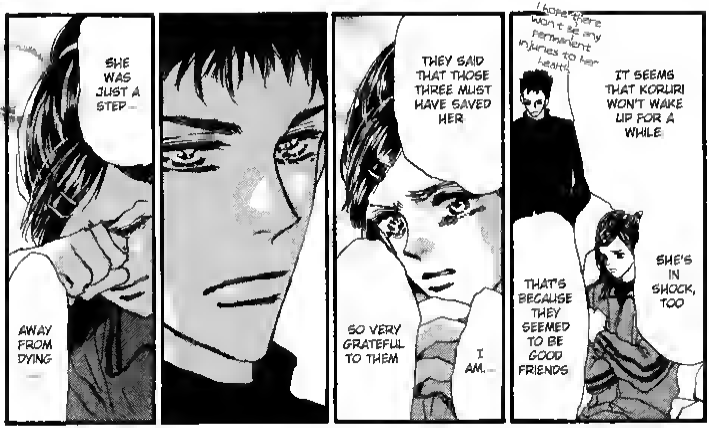
Blah
ha ha ha
Blah
jolly
I'M SLEEPY
snore
ME TOO
clatter
clatter
clatter
DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE OUR MADONNA!
MADONNA?! SHE'S NOT MY TYPE
She kinda scares me
PAT
ALL RIGHT, LET'S DRINK!
HUH? That doesn't make me happy
Coffee
HE SAID I WAS HIS FRIEND
IT SEEMS HE LIKES MADONNA
clatter
clatter
clatter
CRAP!
WHAT?
WHAT'S THIS?
I CAN'T MOVE!
HEY
HUH?
MY HAND WENT NUM...
...
UH...
MY HEAD
HURTS ...
WH...

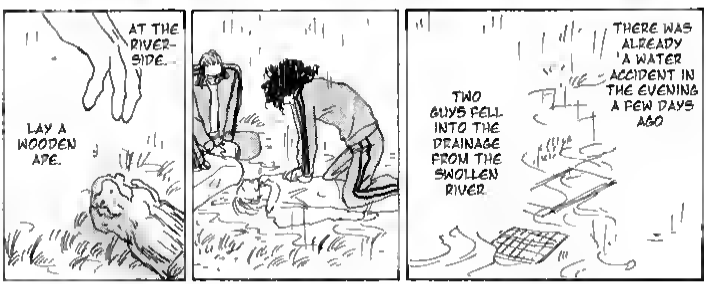
KORU-
KO...
There's no way... We can't stand
I CAN'T ...
MO-VE.
IS THIS CARBON MON-OXIDE POI-SONING?!
ARGH!
SOME-BODY ...
THE DOOR ...
OPEN...
OH, NO.
...
...
...
clatter
clatter
clatter
ARGH!
COULD FIT INTO THIS OPENING.
KO-RURI ...
NUDGE
KO-RURI ...
slide
slide
slide
NUDGE

blubb
blubb
blubb
SPLASH
SPLISH
SPLASH
SSSS
SSSS
KORURI HASN'T SIGNALLED ME YET, HAS SHE?
SSHH
SOME- HOW
AND CAN'T CALM DOWN
I'VE GOT A BAD FEEL- ING...
SPLISH
SPL

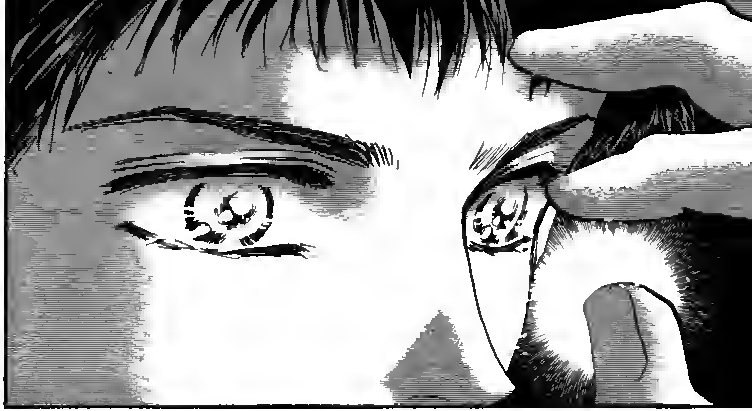
UGH
ANGO...?
ANGO...
click
!?
THAT ISN'T COMING FROM THE WINDMILL.
OH, THERE IT IS.
splash
splish
...—————...
...—————...
SSSS

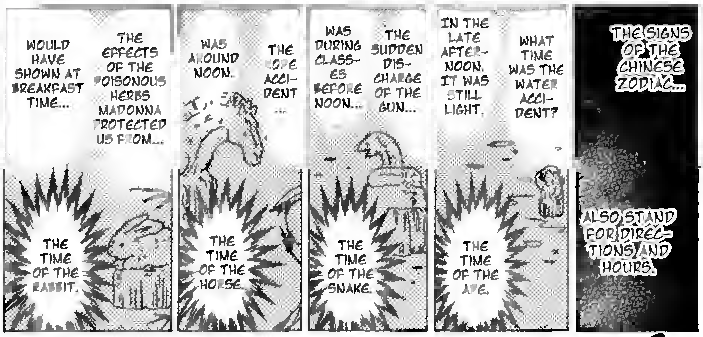
THEY SAID THAT THOSE THREE PROBABLY DIED AT MIDNIGHT

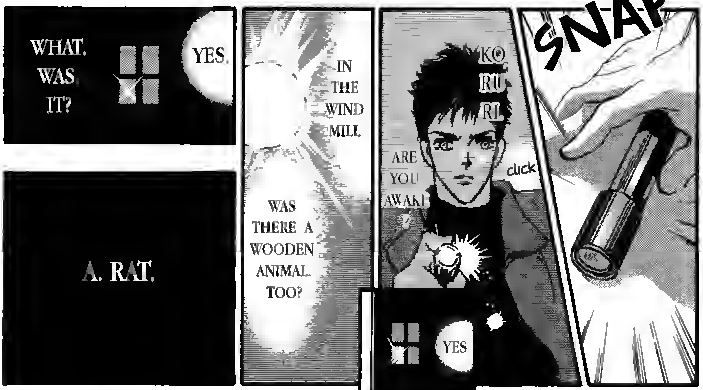

SHE WAS JUST A STEP AWAY FROM DYING
THEY SAID THAT THOSE THREE MUST HAVE SAVED HER
SO VERY GRATEFUL TO THEM
I AM.
(Hopefully there won't be any permanent injuries to her heart)
IT SEEMS THAT KORIRI WON'T WAKE UP FOR A WHILE
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY SEEMED TO BE GOOD FRIENDS
SHE'S IN SHOCK, TOO


AT THE RIVERSIDE.
LAY A WOODEN APE.
TWO GUYS FELL INTO THE DRAINAGE FROM THE SWOLLEN RIVER
THERE WAS ALREADY A WATER ACCIDENT IN THE EVENING A FEW DAYS AGO

WHY IS THERE SUCH A SERIES OF ACCIDENTS?
WELL, I HAVE A FEELING THAT EVERYTHING STARTED WITH THESE WOODEN FIGURES LYING AROUND
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED IN ALL THE 17 YEARS I'VE BEEN HERE
THE CHINESE ZODIAC
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
...NO, IT ISN'T A CAT
IT'S A TIGER, I GUESS
AN APE...?
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE CAT, IT COULD BE THE CHINESE ZODIAC...
THE OTHERS WERE A RABBIT, A HORSE, A SNAKE, AN OX...




THE SIGNS OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC...
ALSO STAND FOR DIRECTIONS AND HOURS.
WHAT TIME WAS THE WATER ACCIDENT?
IN THE LATE AFTERNOON. IT WAS STILL LIGHT.
THE SUDDEN DISCHARGE OF THE GUN...
WAS DURING CLASSES BEFORE NOON...
THE LOVE ACCIDENT ...
WAS AROUND NOON..
THE EFFECTS OF THE POISONOUS HERBS MADONNA PROTECTED US FROM...
WOULD HAVE SHOWN AT BREAKFAST TIME...
THE TIME OF THE RABBIT.
THE TIME OF THE HORSE.
THE TIME OF THE SNAKE.
THE TIME OF THE APE.


WHAT WAS IT?
YES.
A. RAT.
WAS THERE A WOODEN ANIMAL TOO?
IN THE WIND MILL
ARE YOU AWAKE?
KO RU RL
click
YES
SNAP

NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
WERE THEY PREDICTED?
DOES THIS PATTERN MEAN?
WHAT
THEY SAID THAT THEY PROBABLY DIED AT MIDNIGHT
THE TIME OF THE RAT
IT WAS PLANNED
THE TIME OF THE TIGER
NOTHING'S HAPPENED YET...
EXACTLY NOW
WHAT?
WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
WASN'T THERE A HINT?
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS,
THEN IT WILL BE A FIRE!
IF YOU PUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS HERE,
IT WILL CAUSE A FIRE

I'M GOING TO THE STABLES.
SOMETHING ABOUT THE WOODEN FIGURES CROSSED MY MIND.
WAH!
GENGORO!
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL BE TODAY, TOMORROW OR SOME OTHER DAY.
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
BUT I HAVE TO PATROL EVERY NIGHT.
BAM
OKAY!
LET'S EXCHANGE INFORMATION LATER.
ME TOO.
UNEASY FEELING?
THIS
HORRIBLY..
BUT
WHAT IS
THIS?
BUT..
IS IT MY IMAGINATION?
STOMP
STOMP
I HOPE I'M JUST OVERTHINKING IT.

sfx: BOOM
sfx: wham
sfx: crash
sfx: rrrr

SEN-SEI!
THERE'S NO ELEC-TRICITY EITHER
creak
THERE'S NO WATER
grab
CHECK IT, WILL YOU!
IT'S LIGHT
IS IT EMPTY?
SNAP
DAMN IT!
KA..
KANAME SENPAI!
WHERE ARE YOU?
WHAM
ISN'T ANY-BODY HERE?
WHAM
WHAM
SEN-SEI!
UNAMI-SENSEI!
SOME-BODY!
BAM
SEN-SEI!
THERE'S A FIRE!
WHAM
EVERY-BODY, GET UP!
THERE'S A FIRE!
NO-BODY'S HERE!
RUN!
A JAPANESE PLAYING CARD AGAIN!

hff
hff
hff
It started raining again.
THE CAGES ...!
THE TIME OF THE OX IS ALREADY OVER TODAY.
I HOPE THERE WASN'T ANY-THING
CLACK
Jolt
NO WAY!
TAN-GO!
AO-BA!
WHY ..?
WHERE ARE YOU?

HURRY UP AND GET AWAY FROM THE BUILD-ING!
RUN!
HURRY!
Eek!
WAH!

ROAR
WOAH!
WAH!

Eek!
WAH!
WHAM!
WHAM!

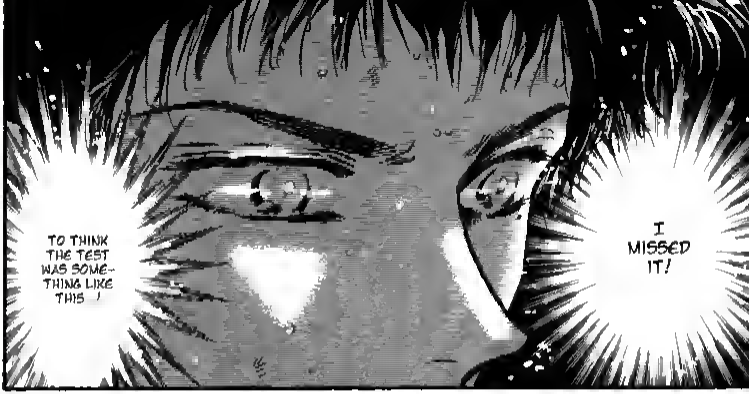
WHY DIDN'T
I NOTICE?

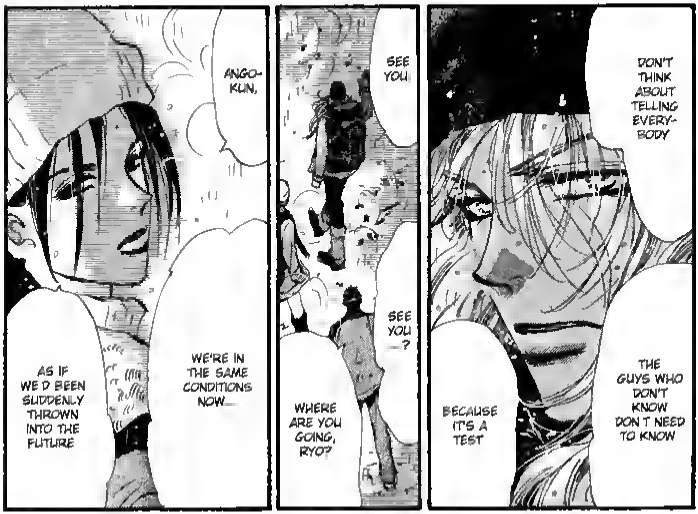
I'M SO
STUPID

IT STARTED
THE LAST TEST...
LONG AGO!
HAS ALREADY STARTED....

HAIL OF CORN CHAPTER 6

[AVE MARIA]


I MISSED IT!
TO THINK THE TEST WAS SOME-THING LIKE THIS...!


DON'T THINK ABOUT TELLING EVERY-BODY
THE GUYS WHO DON'T KNOW DON'T NEED TO KNOW
BECAUSE IT'S A TEST
SEE YOU.
SEE YOU—?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, RYO?
ANGO-KUN,
WE'RE IN THE SAME CONDITIONS NOW...
AS IF WE'D BEEN SUDDENLY THROWN INTO THE FUTURE

ANGO-KUN HASN'T NOTICED THE HINTS, HAS HE?
HE WILL, SOON ENOUGH...

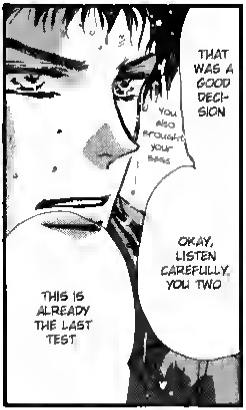
SO I WAS WORRIED
YOUR ROOM IS CLOSE TO THE CENTRE OF THE BLAZE
MAYU! KORURI!
THANK GOD AREN'T YOU HURT?
WE WENT OUTSIDE RIGHT AFTER WE HEARD THE EXPLOSION.
NO WE'RE FINE

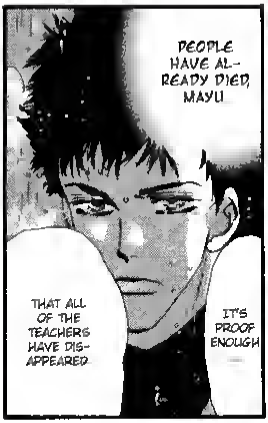
AHH
AHH
ANGO-KUN!! THERE YOU ARE!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!

WE THOUGHT THAT SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED, SO WE CHANGED OUR CLOTHES AND GOT OURSELVES READY
ANGO-KUN, YOU MORSED KORURI... DIDN'T YOU?
KORURI IS STILL UNSTEADY ON HER FEET, THOUGH

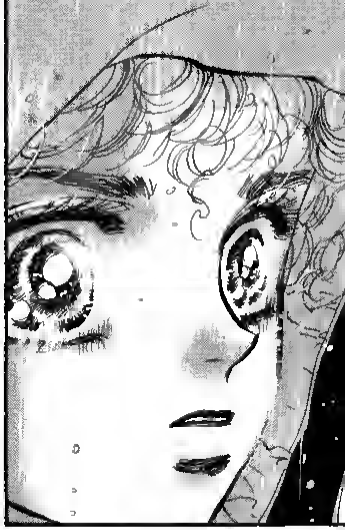
BUT I THINK THAT THE ACCIDENT AT THE WINDMILL...
KORURI
IT MIGHT BE HARD FOR YOU,
WAS PART OF THE TEST, TOO

THIS FIRE...?
NO...
IT PROBABLY STARTED WITH THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF THAT GUN


THAT WAS A GOOD DECISION
YOU ALSO REALIZED YOUR BONDS
OKAY, LISTEN CAREFULLY, YOU TWO
THIS IS ALREADY THE LAST TEST


PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY DIED, MAYU.
THAT ALL OF THE TEACHERS HAVE DISAPPEARED
IT'S PROOF ENOUGH

BUT PEOPLE WILL BE HURT AND DIE...
RDAR
YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT'S WHAT THE TEST IS?



YOU TWO NEED TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING NOW.
I'M SURE THEY'RE WATCHING US FROM SOMEWHERE

HEY, SHIGERU!
SHIGERU!
WAH!
WAIT!

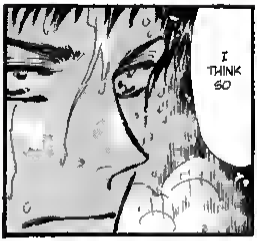
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!

IS HE
WEARING HIS PYJAMAS?!

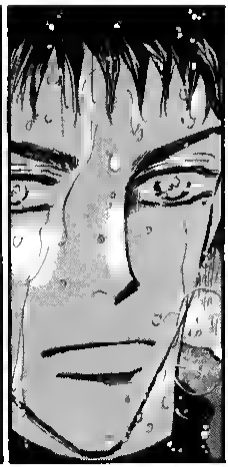
IT'S A STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL

I GET IT NOW.
THEY'RE USING THEM FOR THE TEST!
SHIT!
He always stays over here, so he has his baggage here.
WHAT FOR ...?
... AH ...
THEY TOOK ALL OF THEM, AFTER ALL.
NOT ONE ANT IS LEFT...
ANOTHER JAPANESE PLAYING CARD?!
THE MAIN FACILITY WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
EVERY-BODY! TAKE REFUGE IN SCHOOL BUILDING NO. 1!
ROAR
ROAR
ROAR
Ahhh
Ahhh
Ahhh
Ahhh
THE QUARTERS AND THE MAIN BUILD-ING BURNED DOWN—
AS WELL AS THE DINING HALL, THE LIBRARY AND THE ARMOURY

I'M GOING TO THE HUT WITH THE CHARCOAL MAKER...
YOU TWO GO TO SCHOOL BUILDING NO 1, TOO
AND YOU ANGO?
THE WINTER EQUIPMENT AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS ARE STORED THERE
THIS IS NO GOOD...
trem ble
I'M GOING TO CATCH A COLD LIKE THIS...
EVERY-BODY, TAKE SHELTER THERE FOR NOW!
SCHOOL BUILDING NO 1 ISN'T DAM-AGED!
Here you ! Don't go move it
Cuss, cold
AH, ANGO-KUN
MADONNA, WHAT'S WRONG?
THE FIELDS ARE TOTALLY DE-STROYED
splish
splash
blah blah blah
SSHH
ACH OO
IT'S COMING DOWN NOW
MY CLASS-MATES AND I ARE JUST GATHERING EVERYTHING EDIBLE
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE BEEN PLOUGHED UP
BY A BULL-DOZER
WAH!
AH!
OH NO


I THINK SO

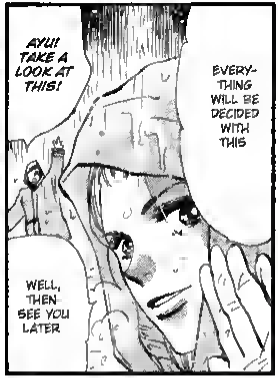
ANGO-KUN
I JUST REAL-IZED IT
THIS IS THE LAST TEST, ISN'T IT?



I SEE
THAT'S GOOD
GOOD ?!
YEAH, I'M GLAD

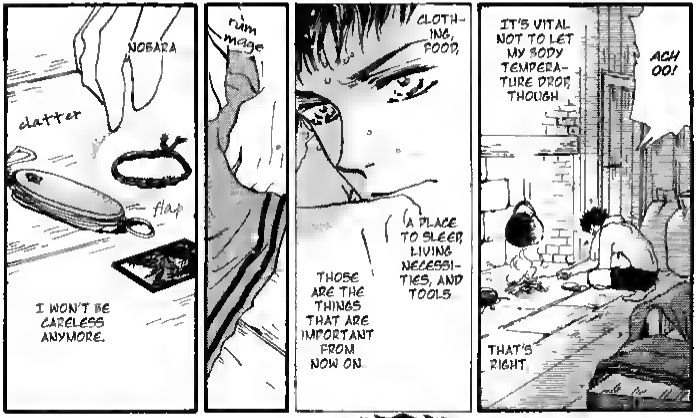
WITH THIS, THE SEVEN WILL BE DETER-MINED!

BUT
YOU CAN LOOK AT IT THAT WAY TOO, CAN'T YOU?


AYU! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
EVERY-THING WILL BE DECIDED WITH THIS
WELL, THEN SEE YOU LATER

MADONNA IS REMARKABLY OPTIMISTIC.
SHE'S GLAD?

THANK GOD
THERE'S A JACKET, A PARKA A BACKPACK
AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, AS WELL
I'LL ALSO TAKE SOMETHING FOR SHIGERU WITH ME
There must be a tent and a sleeping bag, too


NOBARA
clatter
flap
I WON'T BE CARELESS ANYMORE.
rum
mage
CLOTHING, FOOD,
A PLACE TO SLEEP, LIVING NECESSITIES, AND TOOLS
THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT FROM NOW ON.
IT'S VITAL NOT TO LET MY BODY TEMPERATURE DROP, THOUGH
ACH OO!
THAT'S RIGHT

HUH? THERE'S ALREADY SOMEONE HERE
IT'S SO COLD!
AH!
clack
...
THE PLAYING CARD THAT WAS IN KANAME-SENPAI'S ROOM...
I just took it with me.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

HEY, HEY YOU CAN'T DO THAT.
GIVE US THAT!
LOOK AT US. WE'RE IN OUR PYJAMAS
YEAH
HUP
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, RIGHT?
HEY
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE EVERY-THING WITH YOU?
WHY, IT'S YOU, ANGO
LIKA!
AH. IT WAS SO COLD
WE HAD THE SAME IDEA HUH?

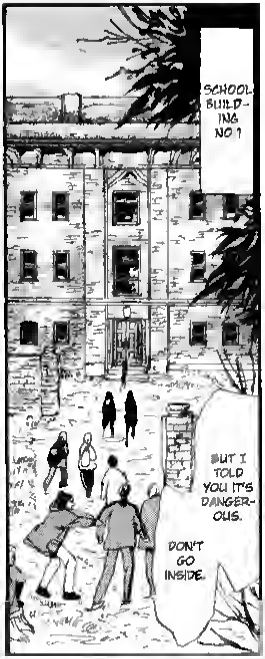
ANGO!
WE'RE ALL IN THE FIRE CLASS, AREN'T WE?
SHARE IT WITH EVERY-BODY!

I WON'T HAND IT OVER.
I'M SORRY

ANGO!
YOU PRETEND TO BE A MODEL STUDENT...
BUT YOU'RE PLAYING DIRTY!
YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME?
STOP IT. COME ON.
LET'S GO SOME-WHERE ELSE.
Leave him to me.
DAMN! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
crunch
AND THE RAIN STOPPED.
DAY DAWNED SLOWLY..
TANGO!
...ANGO-KUN.
THIS IS PRETTY BAD.
AO-KUN!
IF YOU'RE THERE, ANSWER ME!
WHAT'S WRONG?
GEN-GO-RO!

WHAT'S DANGER-OUS?
WHY WON'T YOU GO INSIDE?
crunch
crunch

MAYU, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH MAN
crunch
crunch
crunch


SCHOOL-BUILD-ING NO.1
BUT I TOLD YOU IT'S DANGER-OUS.
DON'T GO INSIDE.

NO, ANGO-KUN
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS

CRACKS LIKE THIS...
HAVE OPENED ALL AROUND THE SCHOOL BUILDING
IN THE SOIL CLASS...
I SAW AN OLD TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP OF THIS AREA.
THE ENTIRE REGION WAS A SWAMP WITH DEEP HOLLOWS
IT SEEMS THAT THEY DRAINED IT BY PLACING A DAM UPSTREAM...
OR SOMETHING...
AND THEN BUILT THIS FACILITY
...
THAT'S WHY IT'S ILL-DRAINED
THAT'S RIGHT EVEN NOW.
HARDLY ANY OF THE RAIN-WATER
HAS DRAINED OFF
THAT MEANS THE GROUND IS ABSORBING IT.
I WONDER IF THE SURFACE CRACKED...
THE SUBSOIL IS LIKE A SPONGE...
BECAUSE IT COULDN'T WITHSTAND THE STRAIN.

FWIP
BUT IT KEEPS ON WORRYING ME
don't think about it. It'll give away shit away, such
AND IT GOT WORSE DAY AFTER DAY.
THE FLOOR WAS CREAKING TERRIBLY.

SHIGERU!

Rustle
Take my bag!
SHIT!
STAND BACK, EVERY-BODY!
ANGO-KUN!

SHIGERU!

SHIGE-RU!
COME HERE!
IT'S DAN-GEROUS OVER THERE,
SHI-GERU!

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE ANGRY AT ME,
BUT COME WITH ME NOW!
SHIGE-RU!
EVERY-BODY ELSE, TOO.
THIS BUILDING IS DAN-GEROUS.
YOU SHOULD GET OUT RIGHT AWAY!
HURRY UP!
Huh?
THAT'S RIGHT
Really?
NO WAY
But Anko sa-id so
It can't be
WHY IS THIS THE ONLY BUILDING THAT THE TEACHERS DIDN'T BURN DOWN?
FIND IT OUT!
DON'T WALK INTO A TRAP!
ANGO-KUN, HURRY UP!
AT THAT MOMENT,
WATER SHOT OUT OF THE GROUND
AND IT COLLAPSED

THAT HUGE, LOP-SIDED BUILD-ING...
WAS GONE IN A FEW SEC-ONDS...

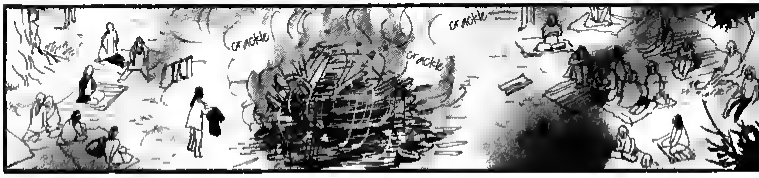
うおおお

"AVE MARIA."
"LET MY PRAYER WAFT TO YOU."

STOP SINGING AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
YOU MORONS!

WE WEREN'T RELIGIOUS AT ALL.
BUT IT WAS KIND OF SUIT-ABLE

"AVE MARIA."
"OH, LISTEN TO A MAIDEN'S PRAYER."


GOGOGO
GOGOGO
GOGOGO

WERE THERE SOME HINTS LIKE THE WOODEN FIGURES...?
hah

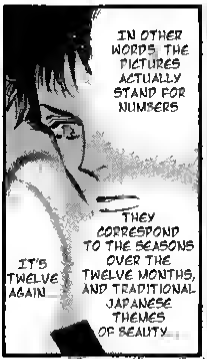
WHICH REMINDS ME, WHERE DID HE GO TO, HUH?
HOW CAN HE MAKE HIS MOVES WITHOUT HESITATION?

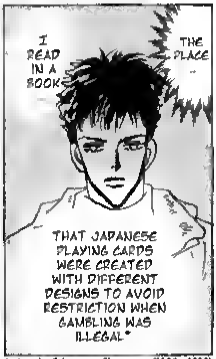
THEY WERE SETTING OUT HEAVILY EQUIPPED
OF COURSE THEY'RE ALRIGHT
That voice...
WHERE TO?
HUH —?

I HAVEN'T SEEN RYO-KUN OR NIJIKO-SAN ANYWHERE.
I WON-DER IF THEY'RE ALRIGHT

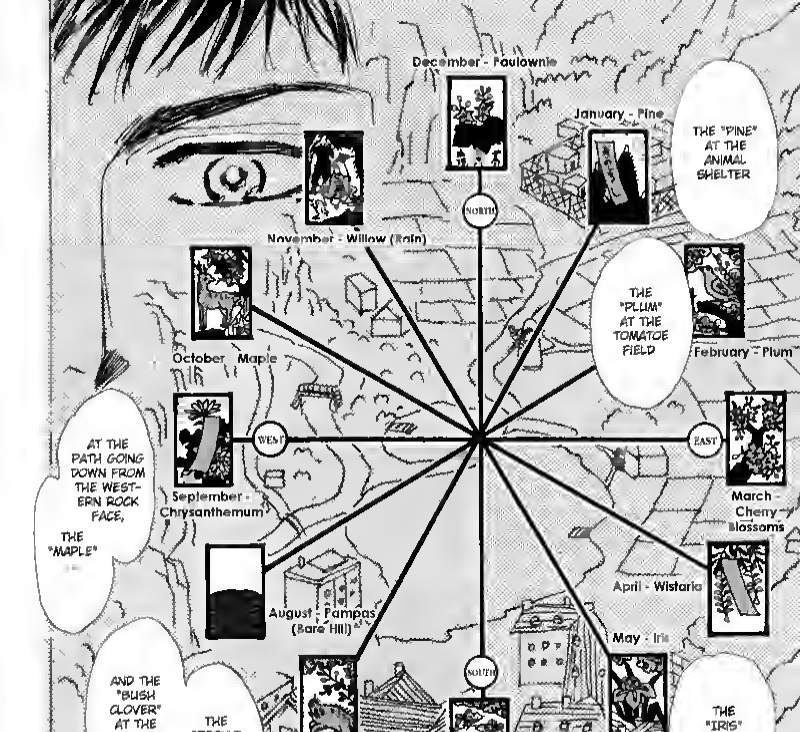
Now that you mention it!
THERE WAS ALSO ONE IN FRONT OF OUR ROOM.
I sort of forgot about it
AH, I FOUND ONE TOO... AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER
THEY WERE PRETTY MUCH SCATTERED ALL OVER THE PLACE SO EVERYBODY PICKED ONE
Even though we were sleeping

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PLACE, I GUESS...
THIS TIME IT WAS A "FULL MOON" (PAMPAS GRASS)
BUT THE ONE I'D FOUND AT THE SAME PLACE BEFORE WAS A "PINE"


IN OTHER WORDS, THE PICTURES ACTUALLY STAND FOR NUMBERS
IT'S TWELVE AGAIN...
THEY CORRESPOND TO THE SEASONS OVER THE TWELVE MONTHS, AND TRADITIONAL JAPANESE THEMES OF BEAUTY...


I READ IN A BOOK...
THE PLACE...
THAT JAPANESE PLAYING CARDS WERE CREATED WITH DIFFERENT DESIGNS TO AVOID RESTRICTION WHEN GAMBLING WAS ILLEGAL*

*Private gambling was illegal during the Tokugawa Shogunate (1603 - 1868)


December - Paulownia
January - Pine
THE "PINE" AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER
NORTH
November - Willow (Rain)
THE "PLUM" AT THE TOMATOE FIELD
February - Plum
October - Maple
WEST
EAST
AT THE PATH GOING DOWN FROM THE WESTERN ROCK FACE,
THE "MAPLE"
September - Chrysanthemum
March - Cherry Blossoms
April - Wistaria
August - Pampas (Bare Hill)
May - Iris
SOUTH
AND THE "BUSH CLOVER" AT THE LIBRARY
THE "PEONY" AT THE DINING HALL
July - Bush Clover
THE "IRIS" AT THE POOL
June - Peony

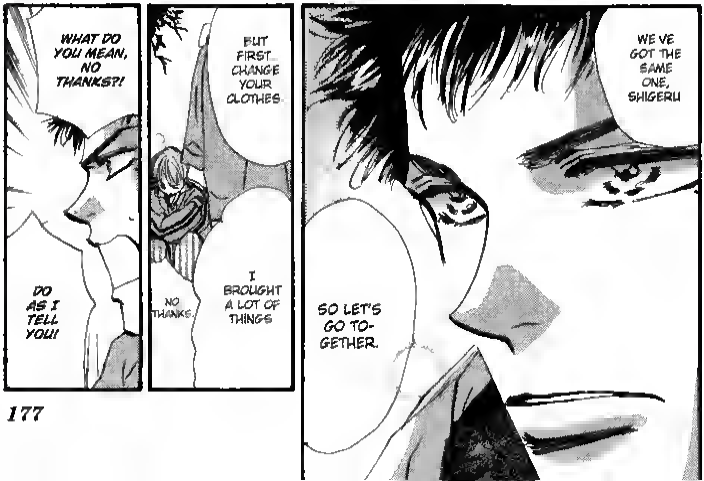
THIS TIME IT MEANS THAT EVERYBODY IS SUPPOSED TO HEAD FOR THE DIRECTION
THE CARD THEY PICKED UP STANDS FOR--

THIS TIME THEY'RE DIFFERENT
YEAH. THAT'S IT.

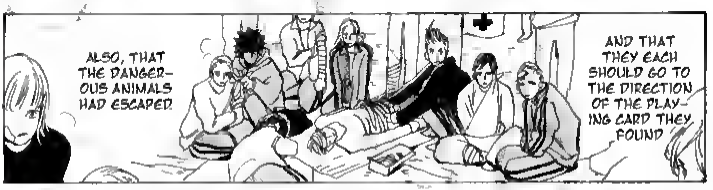
THE 12 DIRECTIONS ARE EQUIVALENT TO THE 12 MONTHS
THEY STAND FOR DIRECTIONS!

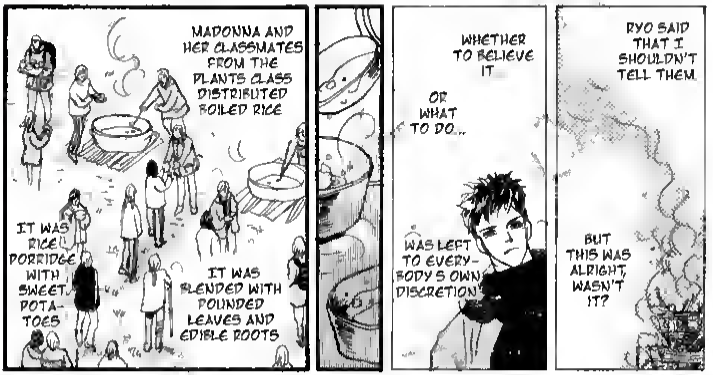
We're going to be scattered in all directions
WE HAVE "CHERRY BLOSSOMS"
IT'S DUE EAST
SO IT'S THE DIRECTION OF THREE O'CLOCK
SO MY DIRECTION IS EIGHT O'CLOCK
BECAUSE I'VE GOT THE "BARE HILL"
I'M SURE RYO HAS FOUND A CARD TOO
"RAIN" IS NOVEMBER
MY CARD IS "RAIN"
SO I'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE DIRECTION OF ELEVEN O'CLOCK
DID YOU FIND ONE?
AND YOU, SHIGERU?

IT SEEMS THAT IT ALSO MEANS "DEVIL"
THIS IS "RAIN" TOO

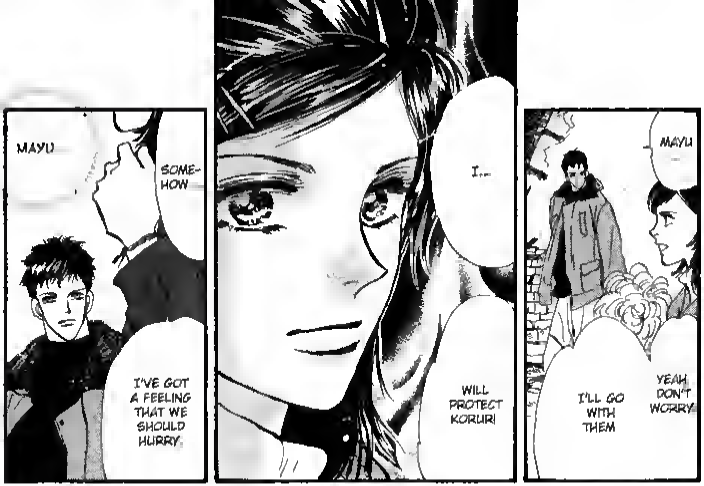

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NO THANKS?!
DO AS I TELL YOU!
NO THANKS
I BROUGHT A LOT OF THINGS
BUT FIRST CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES
SO LET'S GO TOGETHER
WE'VE GOT THE SAME ONE, SHIGERU

FIRST, WE TOLD EVERY-BODY...
THAT THIS WAS WITHOUT A DOUBT THE LAST TEST.
FOR SOME REASON,
SHIGERU WAS IN BAD MOOD THE WHOLE TIME

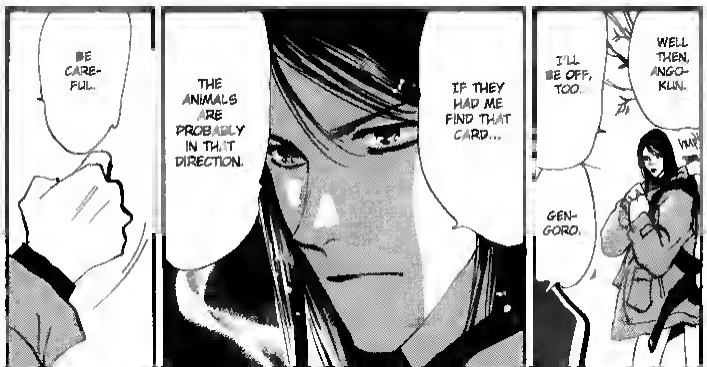

ALSO, THAT THE DANGER-OUS ANIMALS HAD ESCAPED
AND THAT THEY EACH SHOULD GO TO THE DIRECTION OF THE PLAY-ING CARD THEY FOUND


MADONNA AND HER CLASSMATES FROM THE PLANTS CLASS DISTRIBUTED BOILED RICE
IT WAS RICE PORRIDGE WITH SWEET POTA-TOES
IT WAS BLENDED WITH POUNDED LEAVES AND EDIBLE ROOTS
WHETHER TO BELIEVE IT
OR WHAT TO DO...
WAS LEFT TO EVERY-BODY'S OWN DISCRETION?
RYO SAID THAT I SHOULDN'T TELL THEM.
BUT THIS WAS ALRIGHT, WASN'T IT?

HEY, ANGO
THANKS A LOT FOR EARLIER
THE DINING HALL BURNED DOWN
BUT I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STOREHOUSE BELOW IT
WE NEED FOOD, NO MATTER WHAT
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN STORE FOR US
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, YOU KNOW!
GET LOST!
YOU WON'T GET THE THINGS ... THAT ARE HERE.
DITCH ANGO, COME ON
WE'VE GOT "CHERRY BLOSSOM" CARDS, TOO
WE'LL HAVE THEM CHOOSE THE SEVEN OUT OF THE SAUCER EYES CLUB.
KORURI, WON'T YOU COME WITH US?
THEY'RE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SAUCER EYES CLUB.
I SEE
OH,


MAYU
SOME-HOW
I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT WE SHOULD HURRY
I...
WILL PROTECT KORURI
MAYU
I'LL GO WITH THEM
YEAH, DON'T WORRY

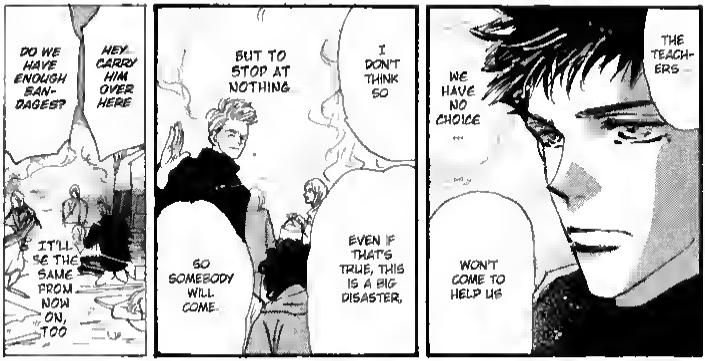
AS LONG AS KORURI IS SO CARELESS...
I KNOW THAT MAYU'S SENSES WILL BE SHARPER
ANGO-KUN,
SO BEWARE OF WATER AND THE SOIL.
IT RAINED FOR SO LONG...

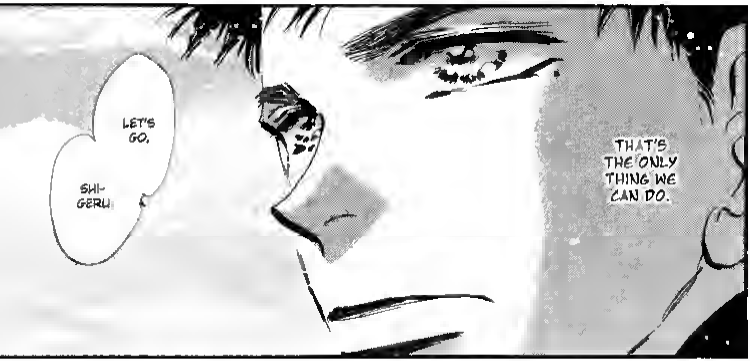

BE CARE-FUL.
THE ANIMALS ARE PROBABLY IN THAT DIRECTION.
IF THEY HAD ME FIND THAT CARD...
I'LL BE OFF, TOO.
WELL THEN, ANGO-KUN.
GEN-GORO.

LET'S BE CHOSEN TOGETHER
I WANT TO GO INTO THE FUTURE WITH YOU.
tap
DO YOUR BEST.
OF COURSE.

blah
WHAT DO I DO?
WH— WHAT SHOULD I DO?
blah
I WONDER IF I SHOULD GO WITH ANGO
THE TEACHERS WILL COME AND SAVE US SOONER OR LATER!
I'LL STAY HERE.
DON'T FALL BEHIND.
WELL, LET'S GO TOO, SHIGERU.
HUP
OH, MADONNA.
WON'T YOU COME WITH US?
DID YOU FIND A PLAYING CARD?
SEE YOU.
wave
I HAVE TO GO WITH THE GIRLS
MADONNA IS UNUSUALLY CHEERFUL...

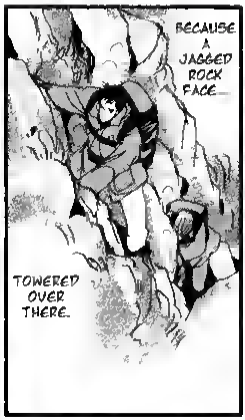
THERE ARE INJURED PEOPLE HERE WHO CAN'T BE MOVED
ONLY THE GUYS WHO WANT TO GO SHOULD GO. DON'T YOU THINK?
BAN,
WON'T YOU GO?
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
AND LEAVE THE INJURED BEHIND.
...COME ON.
STOP AT NOTHING...
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MEDICINE.
SOME-BODY GO AND GET MEDICINAL HERBS!
IF YOU THINK THAT IT'S A TEST, GOOD LUCK.
...OH, NO OFFENSE MEANT!
WE'LL WAIT FOR HELP


DO WE HAVE ENOUGH BANDAGES?
HEY, CARRY HIM OVER HERE
IT'LL BE THE SAME FROM NOW ON, TOO
BUT TO STOP AT NOTHING
I DON'T THINK SO
SO SOMEBODY WILL COME.
EVEN IF THAT'S TRUE, THIS IS A BIG DISASTER.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE ...
THE TEACHERS
WON'T COME TO HELP US


LET'S GO, SHIGERU.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO.

CRUNCH
WE WERE LIKE FROGS WHO LEFT THE POND WE WERE BORN IN.
DOZENS OF PEOPLE SET OUT,
EACH TO THE DIRECTION THEY WANTED
WE WERE SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS.

SHI-GE-RU, KEEP IT TO-GE-THER
IT'S WET AND SLIP-PERY, SO WATCH—..


BECAUSE A JAGGED ROCK FACE...
TOWERED OVER THERE.

TOWARD ELEVEN O'CLOCK WHERE THE "RAIN" CARD HINTED AT,
WAS AN ALMOST VIRGIN TERRITORY.

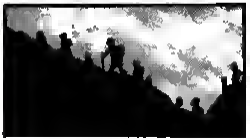
I HEARD AN EARTHSHAKING TREMOR
IN THE DISTANCE...

WAS THE DAM, OR WHATEVER WAS UPSTREAM, BROKEN?
DID SOMEONE CAUSE IT? OR WAS IT A NATURAL FLASH FLOOD?

OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE...
I COULD SEE A WAVE OF WATER RUSHING DOWN THE SURFACE OF THE MOUN-TAIN...

I DIDN'T WANT TO WATCH ANYMORE.
THE GIRLS SET OUT, DIDN'T THEY?
I HEARD SOMEONE SINGING "AVE MARIA" AGAIN
THE FIELD THE WINDMILL AND EVERYTHING ELSE
I WAS SURE THE WATER WOULD SWALLOW THE BURNED-OUT RUINS, AND THE PEOPLE THAT STAYED BEHIND
"MAY WE SLEEP SAFELY UNTIL MORNING."
"AVE MARIA."
"NO MATTER HOW CRUEL PEOPLE MAY BE..."

"WE SHALL CALMLY YIELD TO GOD'S WILL."
"AVE MARIA."
AS IF IT HAD NEVER EXISTED
AND THEN THE FACILITY TURNED BACK INTO A SWAMP AGAIN
I DON'T MIND THAT AT ALL.
IT'S A RE-HEARSAL
WE'RE
AS IF WE'D BEEN SUDDENLY THROWN INTO THE FUTURE...
IN THE SAME CONDITIONS NOW...
WE DIDN'T HAVE A PLACE TO RETURN ANYMORE
THEY WANTED TO DRIVE US COMPLETELY INTO A CORNER



I BET THE TEACHERS ARE WATCHING US FROM SOME-WHERE.
KANAME-SENPAI
THIS SURVIVAL-TEST!
JUST SEE HOW I PASS.

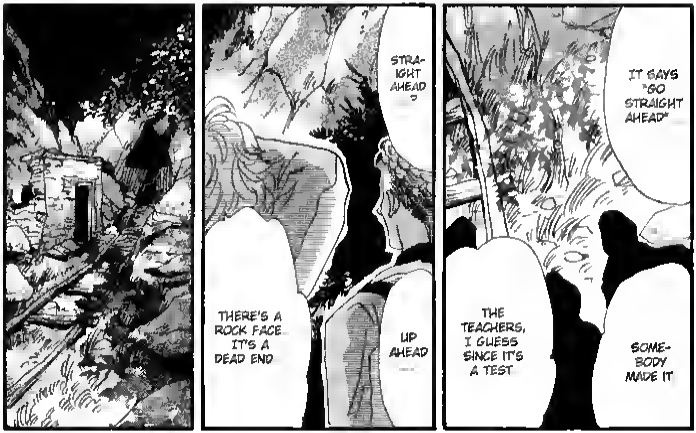
LET ME HELP YOU

KORUKI, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
SHOULD WE REST?
I FEEL KIND OF DIZZY
YEAH I'M SORRY, MAYU-CHAN
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT- SO AM I.

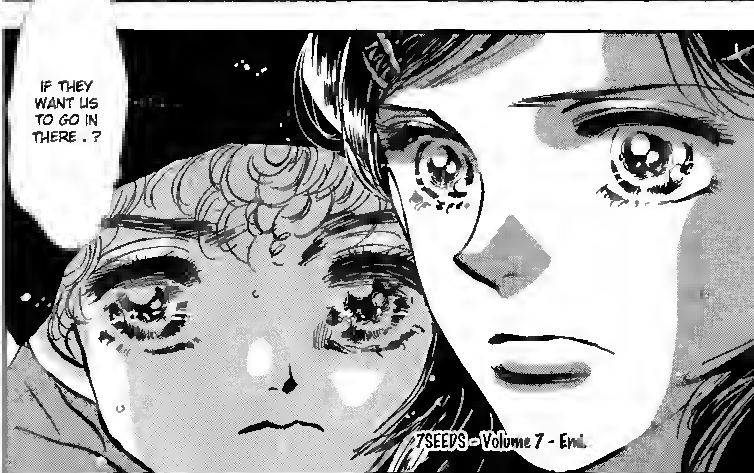
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

MAYU-CHAN, YOU AREN'T SAUCER-EYED,
BUT WE'LL LET YOU BE OUR COMPA-NION.
President
I SEE
OH,
I'M KUSAY
I'M AKAZA
AND THIS IS LIKA!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. WE FORGOT TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES.
I'M HYO, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SAUCER EYES CLUB

AH, LOOK
Well, Ango didn't have a gun either, did he?
Shut up
IT'S A SIGN
IF I'D HAD A GUN, I'D NEVER HAVE LOST
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THAT JERK ANGO
LIKA!, CHEER UP.
NO I'M FREAKING MAD!


IT SAYS "GO STRAIGHT AHEAD"
SOME-BODY MADE IT
THE TEACHERS, I GUESS SINCE IT'S A TEST
STRA-IGHT AHEAD ?
UP AHEAD
THERE'S A ROCK FACE... IT'S A DEAD END

I WONDER ...


IF THEY WANT US TO GO IN THERE . ?

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花と嵐は今ごろ
どうなっるのか？という
お手紙もいただきます
また その うち あらに
戻りますので
楽しみにお待ち下さい…！

113ページ飛んでみません。

今後ともよろしく
おねがい…いたします!!

「7SEEDS」を
なんだか⑦かんに
かりました

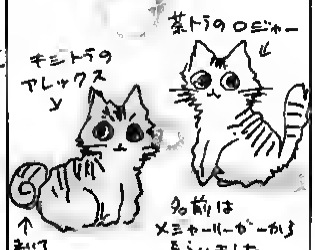
ここまで読んで下さって
ありがとうございます！

今回 ねっとホラーですし

ちまつづき
「つうワース」で
わんさいてますので
よかったら見てねっミ

そんなわけで
うちに子猫の
兄弟がきました。

友人が拾ったのを
もらったのです。



来た時は
生後
7ヶ月
くらいで

それから2ヶ月、
体重も3倍になって
元気いっぱい。

ではではまたねーっミ
みんな元気でー！

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